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Could you tell me what issue had the stars' teeth in it called the "overbite" issue and is it still available? I love Hit Parader. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Lee Ann Hurd Aurora, Indiana

Dear Lee Ann.

We never did get around to that issue, but do you think it's a good idea? The closest we got was when Keith Richards talked to us about his teeth ... (Ed.)

Dear Hit Parader,

I think your articles on the Bay City Rollers are funny. Let's face it, the Bay City Rollers play like shit. I mean can you compare them with Queen, Frampton, Zeppelin or Kiss? The Bay City Rollers can't play anything good, they play almost all 50s music. The Rollers should be rolled right out of show biz.

Annmarie Basar Lake Ronk, New York

Dear Editor.

I don't mean to get sarcastic, but Aerosmith gets me sick! Are they for real? Trying to be just like the Rolling Stones! Now come on, Steven Tyler's trying to be Mick Jagger's twin! Every issue of Hit Parader I lay my hand on, Aerosmith is always in it, and who do they owe it all to? Mick Jagger is still the sexiest guy in rock, and that's something nobody can change! So get off it Aerosmith, yeah!

From, J.J. Flushing, New York Dear Hit Parader,

I had an argument with a friend who insists the KISS group wears wigs! I say they don't! Could you clear this argument up before it gets out of hand? Please print this letter in your next issue.

Love, Sue Schapley Whitehouse, New Jersey

P.S. Your magazine is super!

Dear Sue,

Kiss — we assure you — does not wear wigs. They may color and tease their hair a bit, but that's all. (Ed.)

Dear Hit Parader,

I have just read the article that James Spina wrote about the Alice Cooper Goes To Hell album and I didn't like the way he put KISS down. I am a very big and devoted KISS fan. I am also a member of the

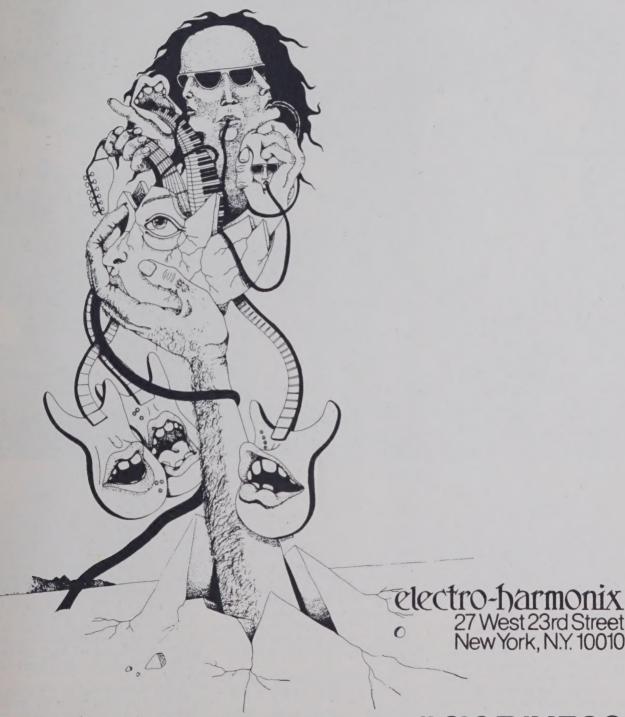
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THE EAGLES MAKE CALIFORNIA SOUNDS

by Joseph Rose



The Eagles: not an endangered rock 'n' roll species as far as they're concerned.

"Please help preserve the American Bald Eagle, our national symbol of freedom," says the message on the inside back cover of the Eagles' official program book. And although they can lay claim to the title of America's top rock and roll band with more substance than almost any other group, the Eagles sometimes seem to consider themselves as threatened as their namesake."

Why they should feel this way is difficult to see. After all, each of their albums has sold over a million copies, with the latest, "Hotel California," no exception. When they go on tour, they perform to sellout audiences in the 20,000 range in huge indoor arenas all over the world. It's safe to say they are one of the most popular bands in history.

But tell that to Don Henley, the vocalist - drummer - songwriter; Randy Meisner, the bassist - vocalist - songwriter; Joe Walsh, the guitarist -

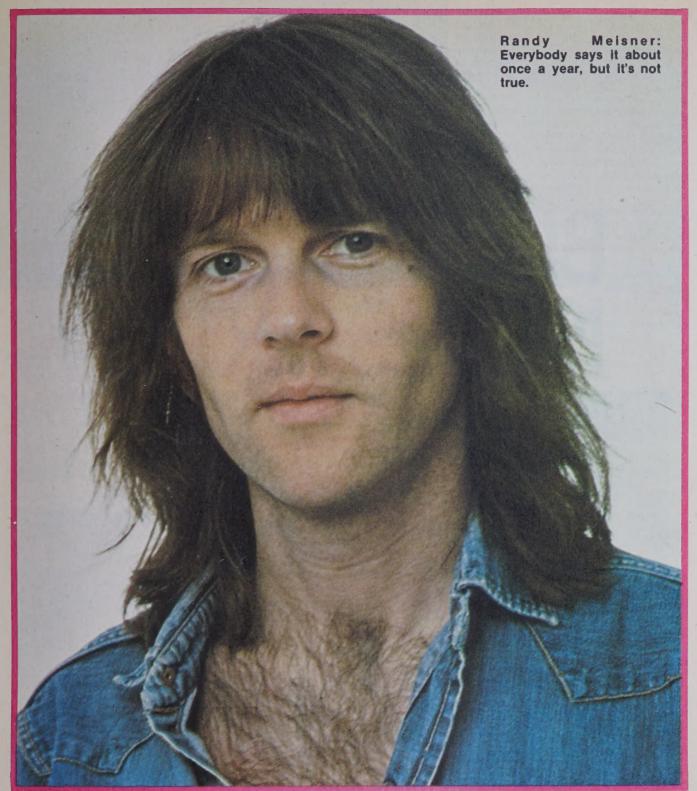
vocalist - songwriter; or J.D. Souther, the longtime friend and songwriting collaborator of the band. They're sitting around a coffee table in a hotel room around 2 a.m., and it's as if the wild ovations at the concert earlier that evening were for another band.

"With no personal references or anything," says Don Henley, looking right through me, "the press tends toonce you are established and no longer struggling, they tend to knock you a little bit more, I think, than when you are coming up."

"You're bigger targets," says J.D. Souther. "It's easier to take a shot at you."

"I mean, it's a pattern that I've seen time and again," continues Don, "even if you are as good as you were before. You always have to try to one-up yourself, it seems like, to stay in the good graces of the press." I tried to put myself in the position of the eagles, with all their platinum albums, wealth, success and adulation, and I decided that I wouldn't care one fig about what the press wrote about me. But that's one of the many reasons I'm not in the Eagles. The Eagles do care — and care a lot — about the critics, about other musicians and bands, and about you, the reader. They care what you think. And the one thing they are most afraid of is that you might someday decide their songs aren't among the best, that their music isn't terrific, that they aren't what they used to be.

That's why they took more than a year and a half to make "Hotel California." The Eagles don't record albums, they sweat albums. They go over and over every tune, every syllable of the lyrics, polishing, changing, improving — until finally, reluctantly, they allow the recorded tapes to be sent to be converted



into albums. Then they hold their collective breath to see what people will say.

They haven't been too happy with what critics in the east have had to say of late. "I think the east coast critics have taken out a personal vendetta on us," says Don, "because we've been represented as the California sound and we wear jeans and T-shirts and live out there in the sunshine. They tend to really write vicious personal attacks.

"I mean, someone just wrote a thing about us in one magazine that was uh ... didn't really have much to do with the music. It was more directed at us and what he thinks we're singing for. But that was all because we wouldn't let him in our concert. He came up in his white Rolls Royce, and since he'd never said a nice thing about us in his life, we decided to just not let him in. And he stood and screamed at the back door for an hour and a half or something like that and finally had his car towed away or something."

"He wrote some nice things about me, whew," says Joe Walsh. "He's trying to break up the group somehow."

Whether someone is trying to break up the Eagles or not, there are constant rumors of the band's imminent split.

"Yeah, everybody says that once a year," says Randy.

"Every two or three months," puts in Don. "Somebody in New York started a rumor that Joe was leaving and we were breaking up. And it got printed all over Australia and England and everywhere else."

The funny thing is that at the start the Eagles did look like a band that wouldn't stay together very long, because, at least onstage, each member seemed more

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The Ramones
hit into
their set
during an
appearance
in Los Angeles.



BUT SART? by Russell Shaw



Ever listen to an indulgent, fourminute synthesizer swill and wonder if rock has lost all its testicles? Well, you need not worry no more, cause Da Ramones, the rough-hewn, New Yawk punk band sweeping two continents, has lately given rock music a long-overdue

dose of guts and growl.

Think the Who or the Cult represent ultimate machoness, the true foot-long love tool, the climax of rock in its infinite? Well, there's nothing wrong with those other guys, but when you've undergone a 90-minute Ramones' sermon, you'll know everyone else is whistling in the dark. A coupla dozena sawngs, most lasting just ova two minutes, delivered rapid-fire, sung to a stomping beat. No stretching out or soloing here — the rush is in the virile pace of the thud.

The Ramones, descending from a third floor loft at a neighboring hotel, hit an Atlanta rock club in and with force. They storm through the door, axes under their sleeves like gangsters with carbines. ONE - TWO - TREE - FAW, says hammerchord bassist DeeDee Ramone, and the proceedings are underway. L-O-U-D. So fuckin' loud in fact, that a wimp waitress, who loves to choreograph her linenly rastlin' to the ever so-cosmic sounds of Jackson Browne walks and waits on tables with a winceful pang emenating from her foxey-fair face.

"They all are so loud," she says to the couple at the next table. "Eat bitch. What was the last time yaeva had an owgasm? I feel like tellin' this stray from a Zen Yoga

trance class.

ROCK AND ROLL!!!! ROCK AND ROLL!!!! Reader, imagine the most moving beat-inspired moment you ever had, and picture that magical time repeated four or five instances in one song. Tommy Ramone, virtuoso drummer, will do it for you. Cat have a

tribal beat, not embellished by no fruity drum sinthisiziz aw nuttin' - just fourfour, clump, clump, rock steady, and the walls better be doubly reinforced.

What are such mastadons of metronome like in person? Live? In the flesh? Well, kiddeos, after the first set, your faithful rock Woodstein, publicist Danny Fields (whose alter ego permits him to edit 16-teen magazine), and four Ramones brave the icy stare of a 60-year old impotent hotel desk clerk and retreat to a suite where we immediately switch the boob tube dial to a groovy sci-fi flick (the monster that ate Albuquerque, or some inane bullshit) and talked. Or, as better befits the quartet's Forest Hills, New Yawk parlance T-A-L-K-E-D. Or tried to anyway.

Chief obstacle to initial fruitful dialogue was Mr. Dee Dee Ramone, who, as the tape started rolling, was reading a book on knives. Believe it — this huge, 200-page, fully color illustrated book on K-N-I-V-E-S. Reporter: "Interested in knives?" Dee Dee Ramone; in eloquent, streetwise William Burroughs: "Well, ya know, knives, you know, and guns, you know, well I never used none of them, you know, but there ain't nuthin' wrong in defending yourself, you know, and you know, I tink I might buy one or two of deese heah. Dis guy (and if you live in Dubuque, that's the way New Yorkers talk) turned me onta this book, because he thought I'd like it. Yea, it's real inter-

One of the other telltale scars of

roughness present on and around DeeDee Ramone is this evilass tattoo on his arm. It says "mother," and if you don't think that's a dirty woid, remember that the BBC once banned Isaac Hayes' "Shaft" because it contained that word. "That tattoo hurt," elucidates Dee Dee. "I was in a flea market in London and I decided to get one. I wasn't drunk or nuthin' - just thought it would be nice. It hurt real bad. I wanted a tombstone tattoo with mother written on it but the tatooer wouldn't give it to me. Yea, but I do want a tombstone when I'm dead. I awready got my message picked out: "I'm gonna be back.'

They are not exactly the little Lord Fauntleroys of the rock world — the gang of toughs from "Blackboard Jungle' would be more like it. This is an image which they choose to route directly through their music — not siphoning it off into harmful directions like upper habits, bar brawls and the old TV through the motel window schtick. Their music makes damage. As Joev Ramone says, "rock has become so diluted. But this is supposed to be rock and roll. We don't influence it with blues, country, raga and folk, not as much as the trend has been lately. Rock is supposed to be loud and forceful, and we are trying to bring it back."

A noble cause, indeed. The Messiah has come (double entendres and guffaws may be in order). Yet, Joey Ramone, lead vocalist, how does one band fight the battle against those who feel that loud rock is an obsolete artifact? "Because what we are doing is not done by very many other people, I think it has merit. Look, if someone has a legitimate complaint against one of our songs it's awlright. But like last night, some people were calling us scumbags and assholes. A new one I've heard is that we are not art. But very few people do what we're doing. By being unique, I think that we are artists. Most of these other bands that get all dose good reviews — all they are doing is copying something someone else has done. Now tell me, is that art?"

From where descendeth this saving grace? According to an ever so grateful Joey Ramone, (with intermittent comments by Tommy) "Our first big break was when the a&r (artist and repertoire) director of Sire called and said he liked us. Before dat, we used to send out invitations to the press to see us play whenever we had a gig. Hell, we were really primitive back then. For a while we didn't even have our own amps.'

Interjects publicist Danny Fields, "Lisa Robinson (editor of this noble mag) and I got all this propaganda from them, but for a time we didn't want to go see them.

"Finally, I got an invite and I said, oh shit they are playing again and I didn't go last time, and if I miss them now I won't have any more excuses. We both saw them and were very impressed.

"This was in the spring of 1975," reminisces Joey. "We had been playing CBGBs in New York Monday and Tuesday each week. It's a strange place. Ob-



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2813 Wilber Avenue Battle Creek, Michigan 49015 viously, with that new record, it has gotten better known, but back then, no one went there; it was in a neighborhood where bums lived. Then, the artistic kind of crowd, and then the college bunch, and now, well, I guess ya could say people who are like and do like us.

"Well, that whole club scene was like a springboard. Eventually we did get signed to Sire Records, and cut our first album. Our second one is in the can, and probably will be released real soon."

It was of more than passing interest that the Ramones were making their initial blue-ribbon Southern appearance. Bear in mind that Atlanta, site for this performance and tete a tete, has long been Lynyrd Skynyrd's main stomping ground. Armed with that rationale, we discuss regional classics of punkdom.

While the four intently listen, they are told that "this is pussycat shit. About fifty miles south of here, there's a little town with a hall where they'd just as soon stab you if they don't like your music." "Oh, really?" leaps DeeDee. "What time is it? If it's early enough, we'll go down deah."

Unfortunately, an intriguing tale hereby aborts, cause the Ramones realize that with stardom come other inhibitive considerations, like second sets, the hassle of fights, responsibility, life, and limb.

"We're nice guys," proclaims drummer Tommy Ramone. "We never been in a fight in a club." says a fellow compadre, "you'll never know how many will be against you. But we sure as hell felt like it last night. Someone trew an ash tray right up on stage, and some chick yelled out 'you suck' from the back row. But when you're big, you learn to forget those people and try to please the ones who have open minds." "You gotta stay hungry," says guitarist Johnny Ramone.

If you've ever seen those commercials for some charity that ask you to contribute to neighborhood programs to prevent juvenile delinquency, you have living proof of potential results here. The Ramones, in their style, flair, and personal demeanor, owe more to the street than to the increasingly chic world of rock and roll, but have channeled their aggressiveness into strictly musical areas.

Punks can be taught culcha. And to all you 18-year old punk-rockin' would be Ramones, Tommy gives this brotherly advice: "Don't do too much glue and practice a lot." Good advice. Turn up the amps, blast the wimps right out the door, and leave a congregation of the faithful.

Then R-O-C-K, 'cause, as the Ramones will tell you, "dat's what it's awl about."



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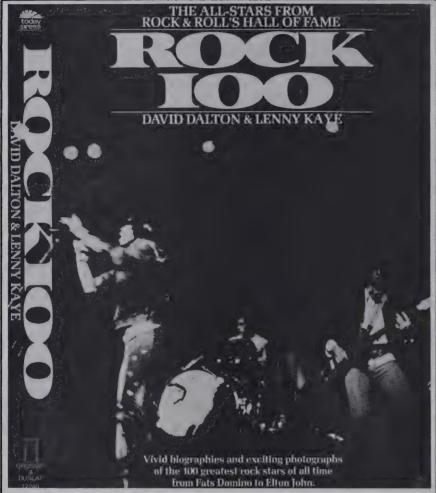
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authoritative essay written by either Dalton or Kaye. Unlike some books which pretend to give rock history but instead are filled with mis-information, Dalton and Kaye know their subject and without any attitudes (some writers give you the impression they invented rock) the book is chock-full of information about rock music you won't find elsewhere. Rock 100 also has lots of photos and reproductions of classic rock posters. Highly recommended.

Linda's Pictures by Linda McCartney (Alfred A. Knopf, \$25) is a collection of photographs by Linda McCartney. While some of the photos are great, others are interesting, and some seem out of place and order, Linda is a good photographer who does have a rock

and roll point of view. However, the book would have been more interesting in a softcover \$8 or \$9 edition. It's doubtful if rock fans will give up buying five albums or two concert tickets to plunk down \$25 for this book.

All Together Now by Harry Castleman and Walter J. Podrazik (Pierian Press, \$14.95 hardcover; Ballantine Books, \$5.95 paperback) is a complete discography of Beatles recordings from 1961 to 1975. While it might not seem that a book listing the records of the Beatles would be interesting reading, ten minutes spent browsing through this book will convince you otherwise. In footnotes and asides, the authors tell the story of the Beatles, their triumphs and dark moments. In almost 400 pages, the history of the four moptops and their music comes alive and if you own a copy of this book you will read it from cover to cover, although you may start in the middle and work towards both ends. You'll find the Ballantine edition at your bookstore, but if you want a copy of the hardback edition, you'll have to send \$14.95 directly to the Pierian Press, 5000 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

"Some of the songs," says George Harrison of his recent 33.3 album. "are closer to the songs and the spirit of All Things Must Pass. That was my first album in 1970, although that was done with Phil Spector co-producing, so we had hundreds of people playing on it, we had a really big production number. This new one has a more focused production on it, and it's very positive, very up, and most of the songs are love songs and happy songs." George is pictured above with two actresses in a scene from one of the promo films he and Eric Idle made in conjunction with the new album.





With a second U.S. tour notched into their guitars, Graham Parker and The Rumour are back in London working on two new albums the next GP and R LP and a first LP by The Rumour themselves. The band attracted a good deal of attention in the U.S. with their excellent songs and strong stage act. And no

wonder, since some of the best British rock and roll players are in the band. They are, from left to right, Andrew Bodnar on bass, Graham Parker on vocals, Brinsley Schwarz on guitar, Bob Andrews on keyboards, Stephen Goulding on drums, and Martin Belmont on guitar.



Angel is, from left to right, Gregg Guiffria, Punky Meadows, Barry Brandt (hidden in the back on drums), Frank Dimino, and Mickey Jones. Discovered at a Washington, D.C. club by Gene Simmons and signed to Kiss's record company, Casablanca, Angel has caused a stir here in the U.S. as well as in such far flung places as Japan and Germany. The band describes themselves as 'the explosive meeting point between spiritual and physical...'

made a speech in your life, and you rumour has it that we may also see have to do it for the first time in your cameo appearances by the likes of life in front of the Mayor of New Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, George nerve wracking," said Barry Gibb as Kiss fan in Tampa, Florida burned Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, shoot fire.'

WHAT'S UP ... "When you've never Peter Frampton as Billy Shears, and York at Gracie Mansion, it's pretty Burns, and Perry Como! ... When a he and his brother Bee Gees accepted himself seriously trying to breathe the key to the city as a token of the fire the way he saw Gene Simmons do Mayor's thanks for the concert they it on TV, the Kiss member said, "I'm gave at Madison Square Garden really sorry about this, and I want to when they donated the proceeds to make sure that people don't try it. It New York City's Police Athletic took me a couple of years to learn League ... Upcoming Sgt. Pepper how to do that stuff. You don't just film will feature the Bee Gees as Sgt. put that stuff in your mouth and



As Ivan Kral plays piano, Jay Dougherty hits the drums, Lee Fox attacks the bass, and Lenny Kaye hits a high note, Patti Smith gets her dukes up for a little sparring with guest star David Johansen during Patti's set at the Bottom Line in New York. David was one of the many stars who stopped by to jam with Patti and the band during their 14 sold-out concerts.

"Good evening everybody, we're The Ramones, one, two, three, four!" and so Flo and Eddie started their mad-cap set at the Bottom Line in Greenwich Village during their recent visit to New York. They spoofed the stars — singing "Rock and roll all night and party everyday" as they blew at the flame from their Bic lighters — and generally took on the world of rock from Patti Smith to Joni Mitchell. The audience roared all the way through the set, laughing and stomping their feet as Flo and Eddie poked holes in some of rock's more inflated egos. The audience also appreciated Flo and Eddie's "intermission", in the middle of the set they have the waitresses bring pina coladas in special Flo & Eddie glasses to everyone in the audience.





During the filming of the Carpenters' TV special, Richard Carpenter got a sudden surprise as an impulsive Olivia Newton-John showered him with champagne.



Spinaddict has been in existence long. enough now (seven months) so that I'm up to the task of reviewing new albums by artists I've already dealt with before. Repeat performances always have that added dimension of showing how tastes and topics change for the listener as well as the performer. Did Thin Lizzy merely maintain the edge or are new things happening? Can Nazareth stretch it out for another album? Do you still hate Frank Zappa? Can life go on without Jackson Browne? Does Sparks still suck? Rock is anything but static and the evolution of groups is every bit as fascinating as the music they are making at any given moment. That anticipation of an old star finding a new groove is sometimes as exciting as the legacy of past triumphs. Amazing things can happen in the music - cycle. A good new album by someone who flunked last time out might bring you back with new insight to the merits of that previous disaster. A holding pattern can turn you off to music you thought you'd love forever. Bear those ramblings in mind as we delve into this month's addiction renewal.

NAZARETH "PLAY 'N' THE GAME" (A&M) There is nothing really new here but this band still knocks me out. It is a toss up as to which Naz element has more metallic abrasiveness. Dan McCafferty's voice or Manny Charlton's guitar. One of the band's specialties has always been taking material that seems to exist outside of their blast - approach and making it sound even better. This time they do it to The Beach Boy's "Wild Honey" and the result devastates the original. It should be added that Nazareth is one of the few groups that can handle their own production chores. Charlton has a heavy - handed sense of pacing and balance that could keep this unit tearing away at the insides of my cranium for years to come. They haven't failed me yet and that feels good.

DAVE MASON "CERTIFIED LIVE" (COLUMBIA) I wish I could say the same for poor, old Dave. Even putting the blatent copy of the Frampton - Live cover photo aside, this record feels disgusting. There was a time when I

thought Mason was a hugely talented guitarist / singer / songwriter. His first solo album looked like petrified puke but all the rest have sounded like it. None of these songs adds anything to the previous studio versions and some have already seen live - recorded treatment before. Whatever happened to the temperamental Mason who participated on the first two Traffic albums? If he's still around he had better destroy this manufactured clone immediately.



SPARKS "BIG BEAT" (COLUMBIA) The Mael brothers have an irritating knack for doing things quick and fast. Unfortunately groups like Quick and Fast can do it better than them. I have to admit that I once belonged to their fan club but it's more fun being one of their "pan club." These sissies deserve all the deriding they can get.



FRANK ZAPPA "ZOOT ALLURES" (WARNERS) Too bad this isn't Zappa's first LP. Then I might have liked him from the start. Tons of top-notch guitar playing (wonder if he still uses a Hagstrum?) The vocals still sound like

campus - freak - outs warmed over from 1969 but I couldn't resist a chance to say something kind about someone I've never respected before.

SLY AND THE FAMILY STONE "HEARD YA MISSED ME, WELL I'M BACK" (EPIC) Heard what you've done. You're still missing.

ALLMAN BROTHERS "WIPE THE WINDOWS..." (CAPRICORN) This live collection actually has a much longer title but I'll be damned if I'm going to waste my time typing it out. Suffice to say that this peach dried up long before Cher and drug snitching entered the picture.



JACKSON BROWNE "THE PRETENDER" (ASYLUM) I'd really love to hear Nico sing these songs ... or Gram Parsons ... or Paul Kossoff or The Jackson Five ... or Stonewall Jackson ... or The Dave Clark Five. Someone really sad or really funny, instead of someone pretending to be a person. However, the Landau production is impeccable.



BUDGIE "BANDOLIER" (A&M) Now that everybody has latched on to Thin Lizzy it's time to turn our attentions to another British band that has been undiscovered for far too long. Budgie are a tortuously loud power-trio that could scrape the skin of an

elephant. They remind me of my all time fave trinity, Blue Cheer, mostly because of Burke Shelly's banshee vocals and guitarist Tony Bourge's ability to make his guitars sound like the main prop from the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." In a recent concert appearance, Patti Smith made the point that nobody is grinding out those 10-minute song epics that so shaped our 60s 'sister ray'ish sub-cultures. Budgie can take fine exception to that complaint. Each song makes its point about 50 times before giving out in metallic exhaustion but the redundance is magnificent. And surprise, surprise ... the Budgers have a nasty knack for putting across the occasional ballad in much the same manner that Hendrix used to turn an odd "Wind Cries Mary", turn. And the last laud goes for Budgies' ability to think up tricky song titles in the Arthur Lee-Love tradition that often have nothing to do with the dirt of the actual song.

DIRTY ANGELS "KISS TOMOR-GOODBYE" (PRIVATE STOCK) OK, New York, what have you got for us this month? How about a raunchy little band that has in its possession one of the finest little tidbits about getting that precious radiowave airplay. Dirty Angel's "Radio" rocks far above anything in that genre (previously attempted by The Modern Lovers and The Raspberries to name a few) and the rest of the disc is also pretty hot stuff. I'm always a bit finicky about groups getting their picture right out there on the cover of their first disc and Dirty Angels do it with a snazzy class that even one-ups the black and white Ramones classic stance. Good sounding record and a good feeling sleeve. Rookies of the month.

KISS "ROCK AND ROLL OVER" (CASABLANCA) If you're still looking for the real Kiss after the "Destroyer" abomination look no more. This music could make it without makeup and I'm sure they are just itching to try that out.



How do I attempt to rate the current rash of greatest hits albums? Quickly!

SNAKES AND LADDERS * THE BEST OF THE FACES (WARNERS) Worth it for the pacing and the in-

clusion of some songs that have never graced an LP before.

JIMMY CLIFF "IN CONCERT THE BEST OF" (WARNERS) Dedicated reggae nuts tend to be put off by Cliff but I think that's only because he goes beyond the limits of the Cari-beat, often flirting with pleasant strains of tight R&B production ploys and incandescent Americanized folklore. All the selections qualify as his best and the added dimension of being recorded live (by Andrew Loog Oldham no less!) should be followed by other artists trying to compile hits while still giving their fans something more.



THE BEST OF GLEN CAMPBELL (CAPITOL) The innersleeve interview by Ben Edmonds actually convinced me that this guy has a mighty pleasant track record.

LEO KOTTKE "1971-1976" (CAPITOL) Who?

GEORGE HARRISON "THE BEST OF" (CAPITOL) What's the bet that even George hates it.



LOGGINS & MESSINA "THE BEST OF FRIENDS" (COLUMBIA) When your mama don't dance your kid can't rock 'n' roll. I spent many a sleepless night worrying that the girl I loved actually liked these relics from Pooh - pooh corner. I think that on the day she realized L&M were deadbests the marriage plans started rolling.

WAYLON JENNINGS "WAYLON LIVE" (RCA) I honestly believe that Jennings is the finest country - rocker alive today but this disc could have me dead wrong. Turn up the growl.

MIKE BERRY "ROCK'S IN MY HEAD' (SIRE) All of a sudden everywhere you turn someone is resurrecting Buddy Holly. Now Berry isn't one of your stock bandwagon jumpers. This British dude is truly enamored with the Holly legacy and this disc is probably the next best thing to actually going out and buying some real Holly. Even the berry originals sound good enough to wear hornrims. And when Berry isn't busy paying tribute to Buddy he spends his time outdoing Elvis ala "Don't Be Cruel."

DEEP PURPLE "MADE IN EUROPE" (WARNERS) How to perform equicide on a dead horse in five dullific songs.

FUNKADELIC "HARDCORE JOLLIES" (WARNERS) Brought to you in a continuing effort to find at least one black group a month that doesn't give a damn about disco. Leader George Clinton makes Jimi Hendrix sound like Leo Kottke and we all know who he is, right?



By the time you read this the new Nils Lofgren LP should be ready. I hear it contains a cover of Keith Richard's "Happy" and I'm almost sure it will be one of the most talked about and listened to albums of 1977. At the start of this Spinaddict I talked about the divine tension that builds while waiting for a new release from one of your favorite artists. Nils is the kind of star I could interview everytime he comes to town and still not get bored. I've seen him at his best (The Bottom Line) and at his worst (My Father's Place) and he never ceases to amaze me. Wonder if Lisa would mind a whole Spinaddict devoted to his next one. Wouldn't that be self - torture if I found out I hated



Bey Bevan • Jeff Lynne • Hugh McDowell • Melvyn Gale • Mik Kaminski • Richard

Further Adventures Of THE ELECTRIC LASER ORCHESTRA by Richard Robinson



The Electric Light Orchestra is a real second generation band. They carry on the spirit of the rambunctious and legendary Move who tickled critics and terrorized audiences in the late 60s when they smashed TV screens between songs and threw tomatoes at the front row. There isn't much about the Move musically in ELO except that they now perform "Do Ya," a minor U.S. hit for the Move. But the spirit of adventure with which ELO approaches their performances is reminiscent of the Move's attitude and former Moves Jeff Lynne, Bev Bevan, and Roy Wood participated in ELO's first incarnation back in 1972. Since then Lynne has assumed control of ELO and worked the band forward into the enviable position of having four gold records.

Lynne and Bev say they don't miss the craziness of the Move. "Not really. It was fun sometimes, but it got dangerous too. Especially smashing TV sets, with glass flying all over the place. We didn't think we were being theatrical. It was a fun thing, really; also we had a manager who was really crazy. None of it made any sense really. It was just something that was topical, to be talked about.

"Now we come on with a straight, more sophisticated show," Lynne remarks. While "straight" and "more sophisticated" don't exactly describe ELO's performance, they are a fair assessment of how far ELO has come since Lynne's Move days. While he says, "people like to pigeon - hole things. I think our music borders on a lot of styles," many critics refer to ELO as classical rockers because of their use of Beethoven and other dead composers, their violin and cello section, and their use of members of symphony orchestras and opera companies on their albums. Truth is that ELO has maintained a firm foothold in rock, or else something's going on with rock fans who spent more than \$10 million last year buying ELO albums and concert tickets.

The present ELO line-up is a standoff between rock and classical talent. Jeff Lynne, lead vocals and guitars; Bev Bevan, drums; Richard Tandy, keyboards; Kelly Groucutt, bass and Mik Kaminski, violin: vocals; Melvyn Gale, cello; and Hugh McDowell, cello. "We all really like each other," Lynne says. "It took us a while to find the right combination of people, but now the inner harmony extends also to our roadies, our sound and light men, management, the record company everybody around us is our organization." Lynne adds: "The string section is all classically trained. I only know a few classical pieces."

A third important element in ELO's live appearances is their visual presentation. The group was an early experimenter with novel effects and their use of lasers is popular with their audience. On their last tour, a huge hot air balloon rose behind the stage at their outdoor dates and was used to bounce a shower of green laser beams on the audience.

"When we tour this spring we'll have a much bigger stage show," says Bev Bevan. "Mostly more lighting effects and more lasers. The laser show is really popular.

"The funny thing is, we just started with a couple of lasers a year ago, and it's built up now to where it's a major part of our show. And we never thought that an elaborate light show was playing on the name of the group until someone brought it to our attention. Really, it just never occurred to us before.

"And," he says with a laugh, "the only place we weren't allowed to use the lasers was in 'swinging' London."

Although the band is English, Bev says they feel like an American band. "Everything is plainer with America in mind. It's not just the money we make here, although obviously it's important because otherwise we couldn't afford to put on the shows we do now. It's just that America accepted us straightaway. They liked us before anybody else did.'

Part of that liking comes from their live laser show, part from their musical combinations, and part from their ability to write or concoct hit records: singles like Roll Over Beethoven, Showdown, Can't Get It Out Of My Head, Blue Boy, Evil Woman, and Strange Magic: albums like Ole Elo, Eldorado, and New

World Record.

The men of ELO are certainly not rock and roll rebels. They concern themselves with making music and presenting it as entertainingly as possible. They've been tremendously successful at that. But still it's nice to know that somewhere in the ELO family tree lurks the spirit of the Move. As some scribe at United Artists Records wrote in the ELO bio, "unlike many other English rock groups, ELO does not throw television sets out of windows..." No, they probably don't. But it's nice to know they got where they are today by occasionally ramming their boots through TV sets.□



There would literally have been no CBGB scene in New York if it weren't for Television...

TELEVISION IS WATCHING YOU

by James Wolcott

On the albino-white walls of my apartment I've tacked up some CBGB mementoes: a photograph of Jonathan Richman ducking a flying bottle, a small Talking Heads poster, a picture of Patti Smith in a virginal white dress and anklet socks, and a xerox of a Patti Smith / Television poster, in which Patti looks ... um, abused ... like a battered runaway in an Odyssey House ad, and Television—

Well, Television in this early photo looks like something which slithered out of a witch's womb. Richard Lloyd (guitar) has scratchy cream-blond dyed hair, Tom Verlaine (guitar) is holding on to a portable TV with Richard Hell (bass), and Hell, with his piss-tired eyes and electroshock hair looks like an escapee from Creedmoor; to the right of the image Billy Ficca (percussion) stands tough, with drumsticks stuck in his pants. In this photo, Television doesn't look like

a rock band, they look like a squad of droogies who would ransack your apartment and leave crayoned graffiti on the walls.

And yet there literally would be no CBGB scene in New York if it weren't for Television: it was Verlaine and Lloyd who originally conned - I mean persuaded - Hilly Kristal to let a rock band play there, and TV played when the bar was nothing but dog dung, broken bottles, and reeling, vomiting winos. When I first saw Television in performance, they were playing a weekend gig with a seminotorious skinny raven-haired singer named Patti Smith, who caused palpitations with just a toss of her head. Richard Hell snarled and pounced, Verlaine ripped through his solos like a bat with flaming wings, and the songs had provocative titles— "(The Arms of) Venus de Milo'," "Love Comes In



Every performance became a must-see event...

Spurts" — but I was so spellbound by Patti S. that Television stayed at the periphery of my vision. It wasn't until a night at a 23rd Street bar named Mother's that their image came in crisp and clear.

Lou Reed and his constant companion Rachel sat at a table with Richard Robinson and myself, and throughout the evening Lou grumbled and bitched about everything and nothing, like a sailor with a sore case of the clap. When Television did its version of Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," Lou finally made a grouchy exit, but some loose voltage of rancor hung in the air, and when TV concluded with its anthem "Kingdom Come," the song surged with angry force. Towards the end of the song, Verlaine broke a string, then methodically broke every string, snapping them with stern malicious delight; he then laid his guitar down, and went to his amplifier and began slamming it against the wall, slamming it hard and obsessively, with the manic cool of Steve McQueen assaulting a pillbox in "Hell Is For Heroes." The band kept playing, Verlaine kept pummeling the amplifier, and, finally, Verlaine abandoned the battered amplifier and sauntered off stage and the kingdom come was spent.

After that, every performance became a must-see event: when Television played a weekend with la belle, la real swell Talking Heads (by this time Fred Smith replaced Richard Hell, who had gone on to the Heartbreakers); when they placed CBGB's on New Year's Eve and Patti joined in on "Psychotic Reaction;" when TV played a college gig at Hofstra and held forth on that large stage with a stark, imperial vulnerability. During this ascent, Television released a 45, "Little Johnny Jewel," which is watery compared to the live version, but sounds unforgettable on the CBGB jukebox; with quarter after quarter pumped into the juke, "Little Johnny Jewel" served as an invaluable advertisement for the band.

Now, happy occasion, Television has released its first album on Elecktra-Asylum, tentatively titled "Marquee Moon" or, more likely, "Elevation." (My favorite title is one they rejected — "See No Evil.") With eight songs, it's a lengthy album — about 45 minutes — but it never sags into boringness or stretches itself strainfully. As sound, the album is a fine steel mesh: the guitars have a tense, tight clarity and Ficca's drumming (which is often muffled on the CBGB stage) is quick and crisp.

Though a number of legendary Television songs are not here — hopefully "O Mia Amore," "I Don't Care," "Kingdom Come," and abandoned beauties like "Bluebird," "Double Exposure," and "Judy Says" will appear on forthcoming LPs — the songs included are stainless selections. They are: "Friction," "Prove It," "Torn Curtain," "Guiding Light," "See No Evil," "Venus de Milo," "Elevation," and "Marquee Moon."

Of them, at least four are New York



"Venus di Milo" is to Television what "Lady is a Tramp" is to Sinatra...

rock classics. "See No Evil" has propulsion, a beautiful solo by Richard Lloyd, some nifty lyrics ("I get your sings Verlaine sarcastically, "You're real sharp"), and I love the way Verlaine's voice does a soaring screech at the fadeout. The wistful, passionate "Guiding Light" is the most moving elegy since Hank Williams was so lonesome he could cry. And hardcore Televisionaries will be pleased that "Venus de Milo" is on the album: it's to Television what "The Lady Is a Tramp" is to Sinatra — a signature song. Like "Tramp," it wears well: I've heard "Venus de Milo" at least 70 times and have yet to tire of it.

But the LP's masterwork is "Marquee Moon." It begins with guitars calling to each other like voices across the railroad tracks; there's a long serpentine solo by Verlaine and near the end the guitars shimmer and cry like dolphins at play. As for the lyrics, in a slightly sozzled interview with Verlaine and Lloyd in Punk, Verlaine says, "They're just an atmosphere. That's the whole thing. I mean, you don't have to say what you mean to get across." And Loyd says: "It's like you say five words and you only mean the sixth." Verlaine: "Right."

Except for "Venus," "Marquee Moon" has the best lyrics on the album, particularly when Verlaine, teetering on the edge of the inexpressible, sings, "I was listening, listening, to the rain/I was hearing something else." Those words may look prosaic on the page but when sung, it's as if a landscape is being stretched out before the listener — a landscape hidden in a mist. The song fades on Verlaine's yocal but even as the needle lifts from the

groove, the song plays on, unfolding endlessly in silent space.

A sensational album, maybe even a great one: too early to tell right now. As this is being written, I've only heard the album twice on tape when Tom and Fred played it for Lisa, Richard, and myself at the Robinsons' sprawling Xanadu apartment. When it's finally on record and by the time you read this sentence, it will be — it will have a fuller presence, and speculation can commence on whether the album is a dwarf star, a star, a nova, or a super-nova. Of course, there will be those who will say none of the above, that TV's LP represents yet another diabolical attempt by New York rock writers to foist an underground band down the wallets of unsuspecting teenies. Ignore such people. They're just slurks who should be doing something useful with their lives, like digging for earth-worms.

No, it's best to approach the band without preconceptions, without expectations. Act as if you've just tuned in and don't have a TV Guide handy: spin the dial until you get the image you want; let the light fill the room. I hope the album is finally called "Elevation" because in the 19th century, "elevation" was another term for opium, and Television at its ferocious best — when Verlaine and Lloyd with their eyes closed are driving the guitars into the stratosphere — has the same soaring euphoria.

"The patience of a poppy," wrote Jean Cocteau. "He who has smoked will smoke. Opium knows how to wait." So does Television; and right now Television is in the shadows, waiting for you.

THE BLUES HAD A BABY AND THEY NAMED IT ROCK 'N' ROLL

by Richard Robinson



Johnny Winter, James Cotton, and Muddy Waters pose for a photo after finishing the sessions for Muddy's new album.

"I first met Muddy Waters | 1 down in Austin, Texas," says Johnny Winter. "I was playing a lot of r&b music dance music with go-go girls - and I decided to quit all that and start playing what I wanted to, which was blues. I was working at this hippie club, The Vulcan Gas Works, and Muddy came in there. Muddy played a set and we played a set. I had my camera around my neck and I had my recorder set up there to record everything he did. The first night I was disappointed. Muddy wasn't used to playing for white kids. The kids were ready but Muddy didn't know they were ready. These kids were really turned on by blues. But Muddy and his band mostly his band, because Muddy didn't come out in those days until he thought he should — the band played lousy James Brown stuff, early disco and then Muddy

would come on, figuring the young white hippies ain't gonna wanna hear no real blues. So he was trying to do kinda like a soul thing.

"Then I came on with my band and I was doing the songs that Muddy used to do. I was doing the real blues thing. And we went over better than Muddy. We had a two night engagement. Friday night Muddy did soul and I did the thing I thought Muddy would be doing. What happened is that Muddy didn't go over at all and we did. Muddy is a smart person and he figured, well, this white boy is doing stuff that I can do. He even told me that himself. After he got through with the set, he said, 'Boy, you remember more of my songs than I do.' I said, 'No, you could do it too, you're just doing the wrong thing.

"So the next night, Muddy started really playing straight blues. Everybody in the place went nuts. They went wild, loving everything he did. That's where Muddy and I started to be friends."

Johnny and Muddy's friendship grew from that first meeting in 1968. Late last year the possibility arose of their doing an album together. The result, produced by Johnny and spotlighting Muddy, is "Hard Again" (Blue Sky Records), an enchanting blues set with Muddy on vocal and guitar, Johnny on guitar, and James Cotton on harmonica. James Cotton was a natural addition to the sessions; he was harmonica player with Muddy for 12 years. "I'm very pleased I did the album," says Muddy, because I did it with a person I liked, with Johnny Winter. And when we got together and planned to do it, we asked James Cotton to play harp. Also on the session were Pinetop Perkins on piano, Bob Margolin on guitar, and Willie 'Big Eyes' Smith on drums from my band, and James Cotton's bass player Charles Calmese.'

In producing the album, Johnny worked today's high-technology studio techniques in combination the roomy. monophonic sounds found on early blues and countrybilly records. This included having Muddy's voice come through a small guitar amp in the studio so the musicians could hear him singing without wearing headphones. Muddy wrote the songs for the album and within three days it was completely recorded. One song, "Can't Be Satisfied" features Muddy singing against Johnny's acoustic guitar. Describing the sound they got on this song as "some of my first beginning stuff,"

Muddy says that he was on his way out of the studio to catch a plane when Johnny asked him if he'd sing some acoustic numbers.

The LP title, "Hard Again," is an apt description of the sound and feel on the record. As you listen to it, you can close your eyes and imagine you're there, sitting on a stool in the studio, listening to Muddy, James, and Johnny trade blues riffs as they rock through "Manish Boy," "Cross Eyed Cat," "Deep Down In Florida," and the exceptional "Blues Had A Baby (And They Named It Rock & Roll)" which Muddy says was inspired by Brownie McGee

"We got a really live sound on the album," says Johnny. "We did have a lot of things that weren't pure and clean and beautiful stereo-wise, but all of us felt better with the final sound on the record than if we'd tried to keep the instruments separated."

"We may go out for a four week tour with the same people that are on the record, if we can round 'em up," says Muddy. Johnny also hopes the tour will become a reality. He says that it would give him a chance to play some blues with the focus on blues rather than his high powered rock sets which he's toured with recently.

"I'm very much happy with the album. I think it's a great album," says Muddy, veteran of lots of albums from the days when Alan Lomax recorded him for the Library of Congress through his stint with Chess Records in Chicago to Blue Sky Records. "I was either going to call it 'Hot Again' or 'Hard Again'," muses Muddy, "but when I heard the takes back at my manager's office, I knew it had to be called 'Hard Again."





The Jonathan Richman photograph.

JONATHAN RICHMAN UPDATE mini-interview

by Trixie A. Balm

Gleeful as trick - or - treaters, NY's rock elite - the celebrated, legenpeople dedicated to the rock con-

tinuum — in addition to hundreds of true - believing fans, everyone steered dary, past and future famous; press clear of Peter Frampton at the Garden one chilly Saturday night last

October. Instead, they all flocked to see Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers in all their newly formed glory.

Puzzled at first, most everybody in the sold-out Town Hall audience warmly greeted Jonathan and his virtuoso band: bass violin player Curly Kenanen, ace riffin' rhythm guitarist Leroy Radcliffe, and especially commendable percussionist, D. Sharpe (as in "#" — a player whose revolutionary arrangement of his drum kit effected extraordinary results, subtly, like all good strokes of artistic innovation).

Sure, people laughed and had a good time in general nightlong partially because Jonathan Richman's new material, starting with, say, the Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers LP released on Beserkley this year, makes the grade

on a more precious, more whimsey-filled plane. This tour around, Jonathan and the band played so low that everybody was forced to be "respectful," as Jonathan wished, and listen closely to the many acoustic wop - op - shoo - bop tunes, the newer numbers lyrically resembling a "Gradeschool Emily Dickinson," as several folks remarked. Big hit of the night was "Ice Cream Man," which also served as a wonderful, side - splitting fourth encore!

An even newer Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers album (also on Beserkley, as of yet untitled), which will probably be released by this story's publication date, was recorded in an ordinary common tiled 'n' fixtured bathroom in San Francisce — backtracking to echoes of the past, Sun Studio slapback.

While they were appearing in New York for the show, I jotted down a brief questionnaire for Jonathan and asked the publicist, Ken Baker, to see whether the usually interview - shy R&R Bostonian, Mr. Richman, would please reply. Sure enough, a month later, by mail, Jonathan answered, in his own handwriting (a legible, compact script — lotsa printed letters, not all connected: in-

dicative of a creative, culturally inclined mind, according to graphology guides). As of yet, face - to - face interviews aren't on Jonathan Richman's — or his manager's — agenda.

So keep listenin', fans, and let Jonathan Richman's goodhearted earnestness and love infuse ya musically, with humor and love. Just like '67 all over again, I imagine — almost ...

DID YOU EVER:

A.) Dream about becoming a rockstar and whatnot (singer / guitarist / songwriter, group leader, intercontinental cutup and cult idol...)???

Maybe once or twice but I can't ... well, yes I can remember. I did, yes. B.) Consider a career in tractor / trailer driving or air conditioner maintenance??

 $Naw.\square$

C.) Live outside of New England for any prolonged timespan — other than living at / around Berkeley, Calif.??

In N.Y.C. from summer '69 to Spring '70. In L.A. and Europe for a while too.

- D.) Sing in the Sunday choir? Nope.
- E.) Get spanked in school?

Naw, well once but the teacher didn't really mean it.

F.)Shin up a rubber tree? Not yet.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS / FEELINGS ON:

-Love and marriage ... fact or canard?

Love is a fact. What's a canard?

— The modern world and the old World now, 5 years after the songs were cut?

I love nature & I also love being right here right now.

-- Extra Terrestrial Intelligence ... Seen any cool (or blazing) UFO's lately?

Haven't.

HOW DOES THE FULL MOON AFFECT YOU? (IN 25 WORDS OR LESS)

I can't tell.

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BEST FLEETWOOD MAC EVER

An Interview With Mick Fleetwood

by Jim Girard -

Speak about Fleetwood Mac these days and you are liable to set off a series of long-winded, laudatory extrapolations about how diverse, fussy, complex and inspiring the five members really are. All that from people who have probably never even seen the band play live. This is especially true in the music business (within these very pages over the last several issues, thousands of words have been written about the band). This is a time when rock writers and music business people are cramming for finals

— just trying to brush up on their Fleetwood Mac history.

It is, you see, quite unhip to NOT be aware of the band that rose to un-

paralleled heights this past year, after knocking around the minor leagues (so to speak) in various aggregations for the past nine years. Rock writers especially get insecure about not being aware of the varied past this band led by Mick Fleetwood and John McVie has had.

Currently, Christine McVie (a member of the band for the past four and a half years), Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks are the other members of the band. It is this lineup that produced last year's monster album, entitled FLEETWOOD MAC, and has recently released their second album RUMOURS. Mick Fleetwood has considered using his gold records for doorstops, as the continued

success of the band is inevitable.

In the following interview, leader and drummer Mick Fleetwood tells HIT PARADER about his band, his long-time relationship with bassist John McVie (the "Mac" in Fleetwood Mac) and the various things that make Fleetwood Mac an entity in and of itself:

HP: Now that the band has finished RUMOURS, could we talk about the how and why of the album taking so long to finish?

Mick: Well, when we started the album RUMOURS there were a lot of things going on in the band — for everybody involved. Needless to say, it was a very strange time. Things weren't all that bad with all the personal problems, but needless to say, things just took a lot longer than expected as a result. Lindsey and Stevie broke up, John and Christine had broken up and I was going through some changes too.

Then, after two months of laying down basic tracks, we went back on tour for a white. Luckily, sometimes when you overwork at something and don't get away from it, you get to a point where you lose it. That didn't happen with us this time; everything we did just kept getting better and better. Since all of the original tracks were done in the first two months, the initial vibe of the album is still there. The energy isn't gone. It hasn't been tampered with. Mainly, there were a lot of strong feelings going on in the band, and then on the album. Unwittingly, the songs and moods on RUMOURS are connected to what various people in the band were going through. From that point of view, this is a very emotional album; more than the last one.

HP: RUMOURS was amazingly expensive to record I hear.

Mick: We worked on the album for over six months physically, but we worked on it for over ten months in total. We spent a lot of time on the album and it cost us a lot of money, yeah. However, we didn't compromise anything on the album. We got past the point of worrying whether or not things cost too much. We didn't want to quit until everything was as right as it could possibly be.

One reason we were able to work on RUMOURS as long as we did was because the FLEETWOOD MAC album was selling so sensationally and it allowed us to keep working on the new one. If we would have put out the new album when we were supposed to, we would have killed the sales of the FLEETWOOD MAC album and there was no point in doing that. It is still selling a lot, although it is starting to drop off now.

HP: I would imagine that RUMOURS is more together musically because the band has actually played together for over a year now, whereas with the last album you were only together a few months

Mick: That's true because we had also been through a lot together on a personal level. The moods on the album are radically different; there's a hell of a lot of variation. It's really good, I think.

We didn't use any outside musicians and there are no strings or anything; it's a total Fleetwood Mac album. We paid a lot of attention to keeping the original way we made the tracks and we didn't overdo anything.

H.P: The single from the album was released before the album ... Why was that? "Go Your Own Way" is from the album, but the "B" side is "Silver Springs" and it isn't on the album.

Mick: The album was taking so long to get out, we wanted to put the single out before 'Christmas. It's a number of Lindsey's and I really think it's great.



As for the flip, well, that's Stevie's song. It's a really long song that she'll be doing onstage this tour. "Silver Springs" is something that couldn't go on the album because it was long — you can't start putting too many tracks on an album without reducing the quality of the sound. So, it was a neat way to get the song out and let people hear it.

HP: Now that the band is so successful are you going to change your stage show at all and get really show biz?

Mick: (Laughs) Well, we are going to put on a two-hour set, a longer show. We need the time, as we are a band with three songwriters now. We need that long so everyone can get a fair crack at the whip. On our last tour we got a good spot in the shows, but we weren't always headlining. Now, we'll be headlining all the time and we can get into all the things we wanted to last tour.

HP: But are you changing the staging at all? Christine is sort of hidden behind her equipment onstage and in a big hall that's a drag.

Mick: I know what you mean exactly. We are probably going to get risers that are at a slight angle — not a throne or anything — but just so her equipment can be out of her way. We also might get an acoustic piano and put it at the other side of the stage; Christine is really at home on a regular piano. Now she is stuck behind a wall of organ equipment and what not.

Also, a few new backdrops and some bigger lighting equipment will be used.

Plus, we are rehearsing for three weeks straight before we go on tour. Our first date is February 22, I think. We're going to do a mammoth U.S. tour and then go to England and Europe for a short summer tour.

HP: Are you happy with the growing interest in Fleetwood Mac's lp catalogue? I mean, ALL of your older albums are getting picked up now and people are getting into the older stuff.

Mick: Well, I am very pleased with everything the band has ever done. Besides, we could always turn around and learn some of the older numbers to do onstage now — if there was an interest. HP: You mean the other members wouldn't mind playing, say, a Peter Green song or something by Jeremy Spencer?

Mick: No, not at all; that is something that's always open. The only thing to be taken into consideration is how a particular number would work into our new format. A certain number might not gel too well with our other songs. But if people would really get into an old track from a Fleetwood Mac album, then we would certainly try to please them.

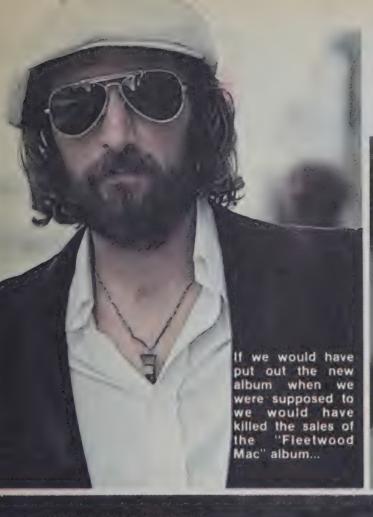
HP: Speaking of older albums, what is your favorite Fleetwood Mac album from previous versions of the band?

Mick: I really like MYSTERY TO ME as an album. That definitely would be one of the more recent ones that I could reflect on and listen to. In fact, I like MYSTERY TO ME more now than I did when we cut





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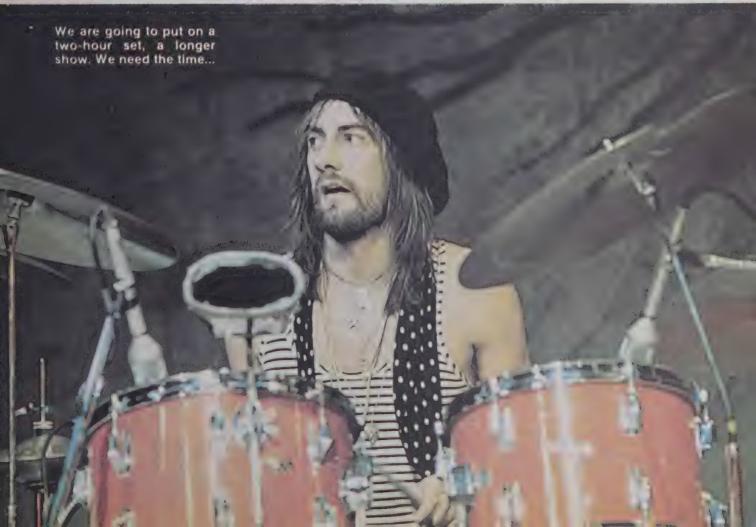


it. Then I also like THEN PLAY ON, just for sentimental reasons I think. That album maintains an attitude of freedom that's hard to pin down.

On the other side, I sort of think PENGUIN is one of our albums that doesn't flow that well as a whole. It's one of my least favorite.

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GEORGE HARRISON "Cute Again"

The beard and the moustache are gone, his hair is shorter and slightly waved, and, in his own words, George Harrison is "cute" again. Sitting in his Los Angeles home at the top of Beverly Glen Canyon, wearing a denim jacket trimmed with satin, jeans and a Dark Horse T-shirt, and smoking Gitanes, George seemed younger, smaller, and far more amusing than the image he's been saddled with all these years.

He did not seem like a desperate man.
"This is an important time for me,"
George said. "I think I need to come
around again; like another lap. You
know 'remember me folks'?"

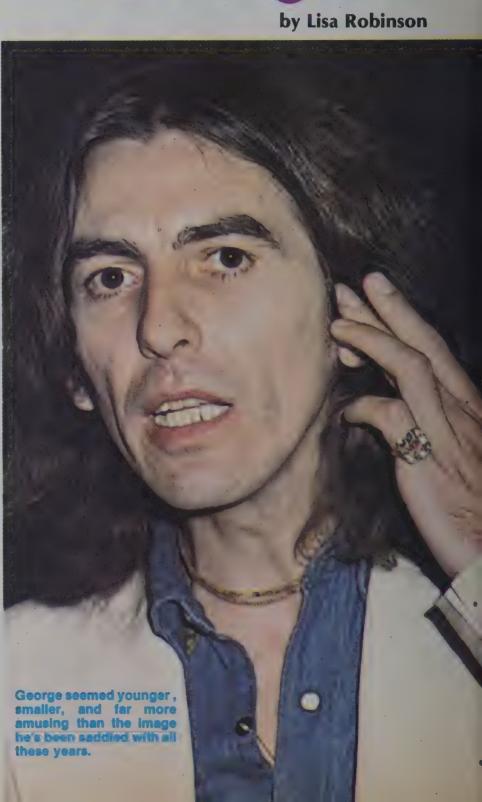
know, 'remember me, folks'?"
. "And," he added, "I think it's time I talked to people. I haven't really said much for the last couple of years."

For the next four days following this interview, George would indeed, talk to people. Accompanied by the president of Warner Brothers Records and an impressive, promotion staff, Harrison flew the Kinney jet to Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., and New York. In each city, he met radio and press people at lunches and/or dinners in his honor, previewed his "33-1/3" Ip with Pythonish films he'd made, smiled, posed for photos ... the whole trip.

The afternoon we talked was before the Los Angeles reception in the posh Chasen's Restaurant, and George seemed to be looking forward to the activity. "It's an important time for me because I've been through a few loops these past few years. This is my first record on Dark Horse, I've looked forward to that. And it's a very up, positive album. I feel very happy about Warners, they have so much enthusiasm about me, it's great."

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George certainly has not had an easy time these past few years. He admits to being unhappy with recent "negative" albums, and the 1974 tour was hailed with a largely negative response. In addition, he was recovering from a bout with hepatitis this past summer and finishing up his album when he was successfully sued for "My Sweet Lord." Then, when he returned to L.A. with that album under his arm, George was informed that A & M Records (which housed both George and his Dark Horse label) had brought suit against him for \$10 million for "non - delivery" of the lp.

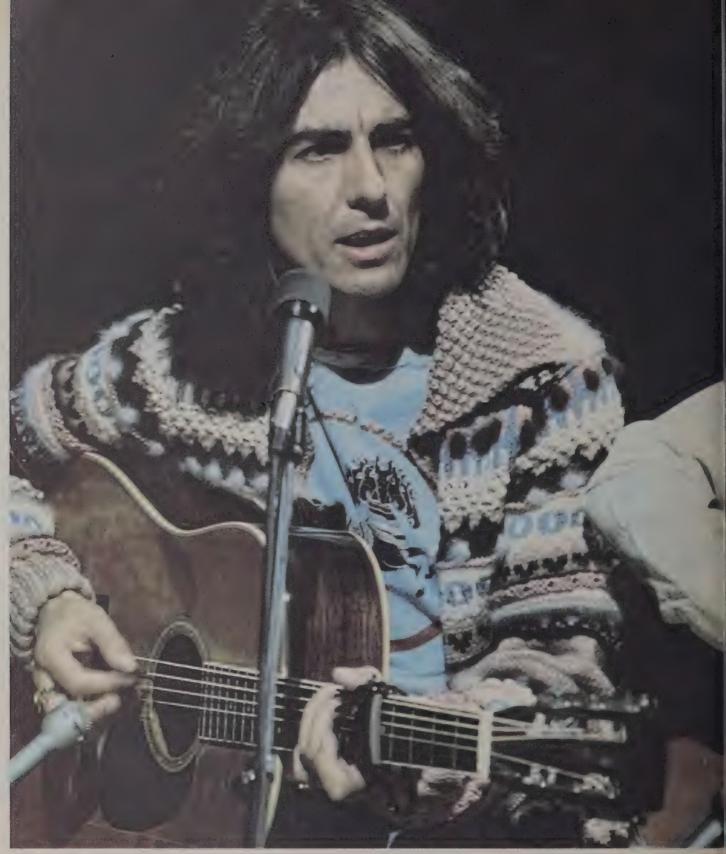
That legal hassle was eventually settled out of court, and George quickly switched to Warner Brothers, — both himself and Dark Horse.

George admitted straight away that he was getting used to lawsuits. "You know we started out as musicians," he said with a wry smile, "and we've got sucked into it as if we were lawyers and accountants. It's unbelievable, a pain in the neck, really. The Beatles' depositions were terrible, but the next worst thing was the 'My Sweet Lord' lawsuit.

"See, a lot of people sue people like us because it's aggravation for us, they think we'll settle. The guy who wrote 'He's So Fine' actually died in 1967, or 1968; so he never even heard 'My Sweet Lord'. And I'm sure if he was a musician he wouldn't have flinched. But the guy who is his accountant, who is a real sneak, just saw this as money pourin' out of the sky into his lap.

"There are different mentalities. People who go out of the way to do something like that, to copy something, and then there are musicians who realize that all music is related in a way to something else."

When you first wrote it, or played it



back for the first time, you didn't think the two songs sounded alike??

"No. I went through all this in court. See, in 1968 the big song was 'Oh Happy Day', and that was the song for me. It was so up and positive, and I thought it was great to be able to do something both spiritual and commercial. What's the point of doing something no one's going to hear?? So I really wanted to come up with something like that, and in-

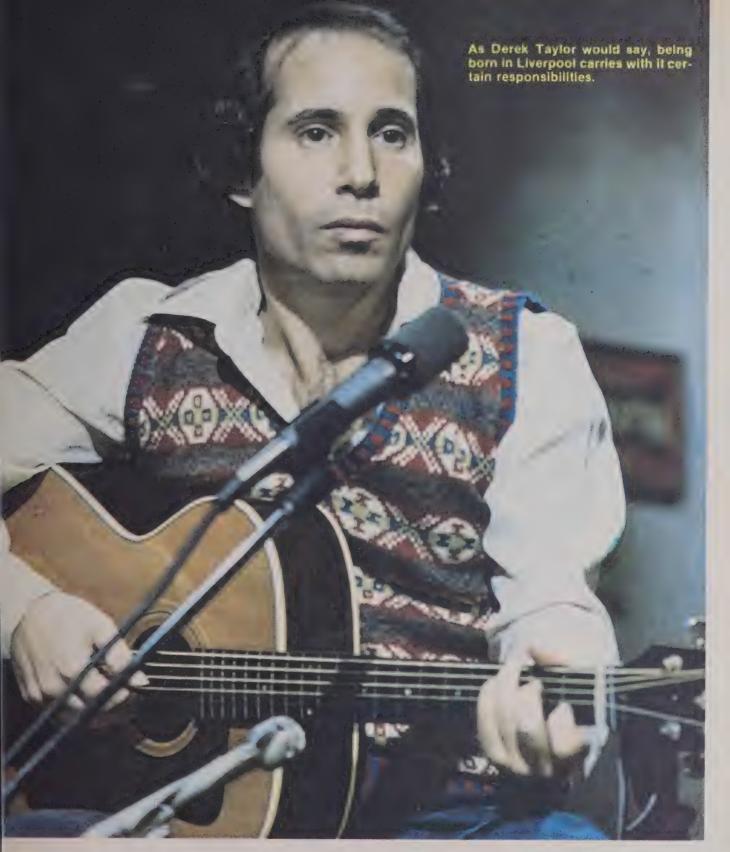
cidentally, the chord changes on 'My Sweet Lord' are the same as on 'Oh Happy Day'.

"Anyway, I was playing 'hallelujah' over and over on the guitar one day, and I put in 'hare krishna' and it fit; both in syllables, rhythm, and in the meaning of the glorification of God. I thought it was a good way of getting 'hare krishna' into the song. Then I did some scat singing to tie all the parts in together, and what had

been a big chorus eventually got refined into a sequence for recording.

"The entire lawsuit was hinging on the first three notes of the song, as well as the four notes of the chorus, but the sheet music for that song was just what happened to come out on that recording date. For all I know, those same notes could have been arranged differently on another take.

"I guess I finally realized that the songs



sounded similar when the song came out on the radio in 1970 and a few disc jockeys got off on the idea. But you can listen to a number of records and hear other songs in them. I don't consider it a 'lift,' because in my mind I was trying to do a 'Oh Happy Day'. And I was trying, in some subtle way, to unite the eastern and western thing of hallelujah and hare krishna."

As for the effect of the lawsuit: "It was a

heavy emotional thing to have to go into court and play the guitar," George says. "All the secretaries from the other courts came, it was like 'oh, let's go see George doin' a concert in court.'

"Personally, I don't really feel it damaged me. If it was the only song I'd ever written, I'd feel bad, you know? But I just feel annoyed, because I know the motives behind it weren't very nice. I saw that guy in court and I wouldn't buy a

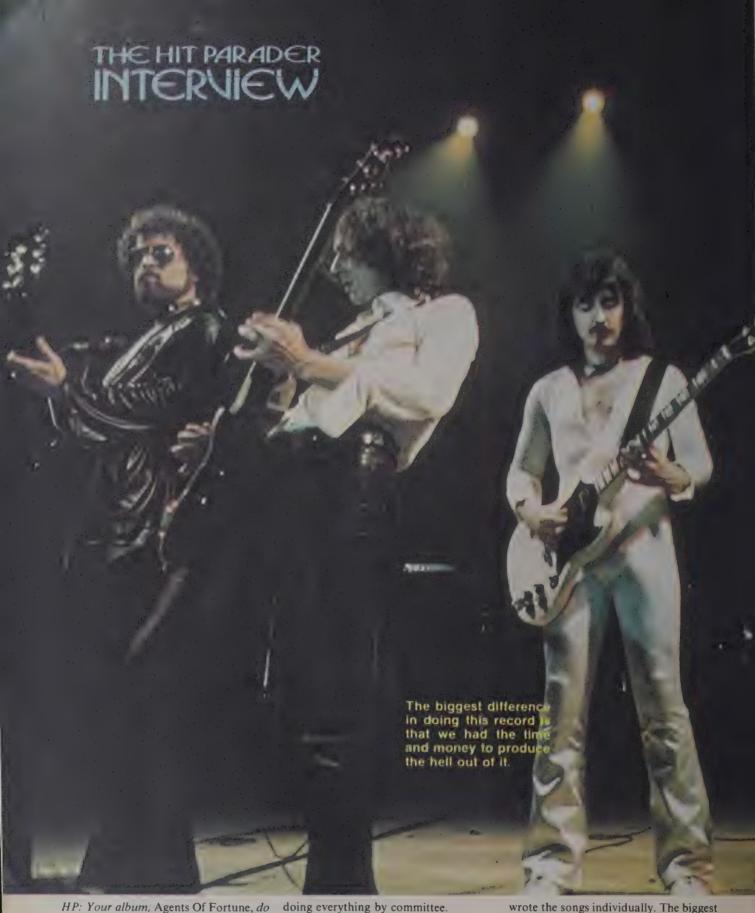
second - hand motor car from him."

George has attempted to keep his se of humor about the "My Sweet La situation; his new single, "This Song" has lyrics that obviously refer to the court case, ("This song ... doesn't infringe on anyone's copyright ... this tune ... there's nothing bright about it...". The case was called Bright Tunes vs. Harrisongs, etc.).

"It has put me through a period of real (continued on page 64)







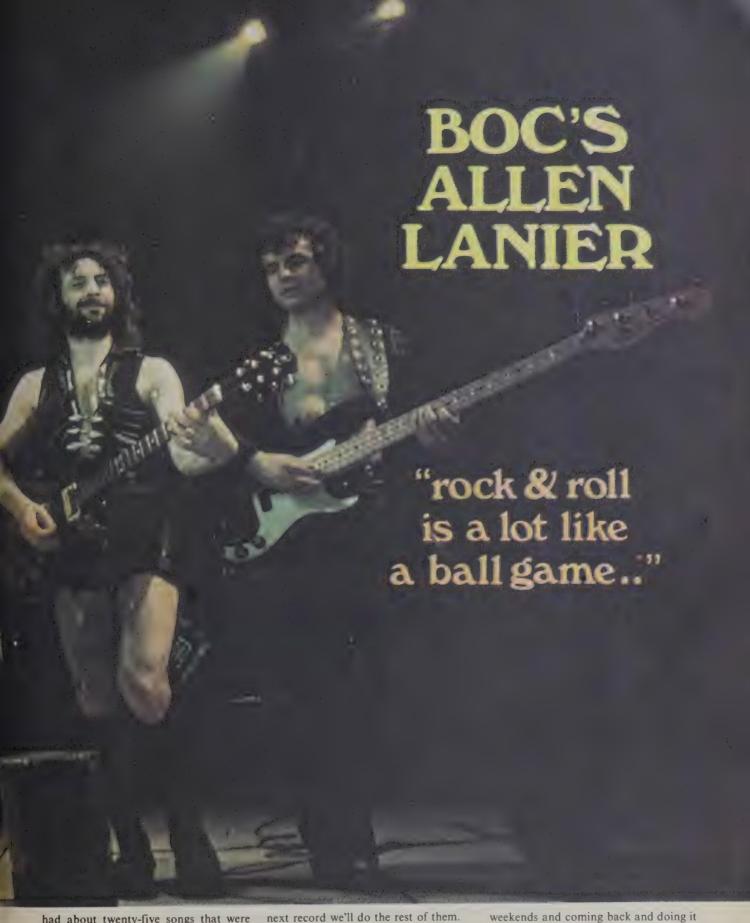
HP: Your album, Agents Of Fortune, do you think it's a change?

Allen: It's a change, because it's much more involved with the individual people in the band doing the material. As opposed to everybody getting together and

HP: Before you used to do it by committee?

Allen: Well, everybody was concerned, everybody was writing, everybody would get a piece into the music. This time we

wrote the songs individually. The biggest difference in doing this record is that we had time and money to produce the hell out of it. We took four months off the road; we've never been able to do that before. It was different. We had time. We



had about twenty-five songs that were possibilities for the record. We all sat down and listened to everybody's songs and kind of talked it out and agreed which ones sounded the best. We picked the best and put them on the record. The

next record we'll do the rest of them.

HP: How much time did you have to make your other albums?

Allen: One month to do them all. No rehearsal, and also that was inbetween dates — going out and playing on

weekends and coming back and doing it

— things like that. Also, we'd been doing
them at Columbia Studios which are soso, and we went up to the Record Plant
and got the best engineer there, Shelly
Yakus, and also brought in an old friend



Allen Lanier

of ours who had helped us on the first record, this fellow David Lucas, who is a musician, and we, ah, it's hard to describe him and what was different about it, except that I think the whole thing was much more musical. We just said, okay, we'll do the music and forget all about concepts and titles and things like that, just do it straight ahead musically. That's the way we did it.

HP: The music's much more varied though, isn't it?

Allen: Oh yes.

HP: Was that a conscious decision before you went in?

Allen: To a degree, yeah, because we thought all the records had been kind of monolithic and obviously were having to appeal to just a particular kind of taste. What's interesting to me about it is that obviously this record is breaking out in a way that the other ones haven't. The straight press and so many straight deejays are coming around and I keep thinking, wow, there's going to be a whole audience of people who ... like that song The Reaper which is like a nice ballad and stuff and people are going to, I think, pick up a whole group...

HP: It's not a nice ballad. It's gorgeous, that song. It's like Love.

Allen: What are you talking about it sounds like Love. It is Love. That's what it's supposed to be. Isn't any good ballad Love. But I keep thinking that there will be an audience that will hear that and have no idea of anything else that we've ever done and will show up for the shows and be sort of surprised about the whole thing.

HP: How much of the album are you incorporating into your show?

Allen: As much as we can. That song is in the show now and I think three others. HP: What about "Confessions," do you sing that in the show?

Allen: I did for a while but I didn't like it. HP: Why?

Allen: Well, because it's a nuisance to sing one song in the context of a whole show. I get up on stage and I got a lot of different things to do and I'm concentrating on all this stuff and all of a sudden I have to go and sing this song. I just didn't like it.

HP: You have a certain image, people assume you're a heavy metal band, right? Allen: You know who invented that term for rock & roll?

Allen: Sandy Pearlman. HP: I'm sure he did.

HP: Who?

Allen: I mean Burroughs invented it but

Sandy borrowed it for rock & roll.

HP: I know what you are saying. So, okay, let's just say that you have this sort of image, and you are associated with this thing and this album in a way, it's not a departure, it's just a much more varied album musically.

Allen: That's the way I look at it. And a lot of people say, look, it looks like you've jumped ship and gone in another direction.

HP: Were you getting bored with what you were doing before?

Allen: Of course, I always get bored. I'm bored with this record, already. I want to make the next record. Not only that, we also realized that we had to have airplay or we were just going to die. I mean the business these days is probably more ... it's just the fifties again in the record business. People want hit singles. I mean do you realize that top 40 radio is now top 20 radio?

HP: Even without the airplay, without having a huge hit or million selling album or whatever, you still have been touring consistently, you have intensely devoted fans.

Allen: We have the best fans in the world. HP: That wasn't enough to sustain you, emotionally or financially or both?

Allen: Both. I mean you have to admit in rock & roll, at least in our level of rock & roll, that it's a lot like a ballgame. I mean, you want to be a winner.

HP: Do you get pissed off that groups that used to open for you are now bigger in a way, in terms of commercial success? Allen: Yeah, in a way.

HP: Do you want that kind of success? Allen: Oh certainly, absolutely, because it's necessary for what we do. The thing is that we have put together a show and the kind of band that is designed for a large hall, and, for what it's worth, for the virtues or the lack of it of doing that, that's what we've done.

HP: From the beginning?

Allen: From the beginning, yeah. I mean we just looked at rock & roll as a large phenomenon.

HP: You mean when you started?

Allen: All we did was indulge ourselves completely.

HP: At what point did it become serious?

Allen: I'll tell you where it became serious

oh, it's not serious.

HP: At what point did you say, well, wait a minute, this is a career?

Allen: When we found ourselves playing mining towns in Pennsylvania. Gigs in places you wouldn't believe, you know the dead mining towns where the sun never shines — Johnstown, Pa., and things like that.

HP: How did the kids react?

Allen: They were surprised, because we weren't playing Knock Three Times and My Maria and all that sort of stuff. But we just couldn't take playing those towns, and so we came back and decided we were going to have to settle down and be serious about it, or else we were going to have to break up and we didn't want to break up because by that time we were all just dependent on each other, and we still



Eric Bloom (top, left), Donald Roeser, Albert Bouchard, Allen Lanier, Joe Bouchard

are. Like Albert (Bouchard) and Donald (Roeser) and I have been together as a band almost eight years. In different kinds of bands and things like that. Stoneybrook was the beginning of it. That's a long time and I mean we didn't want to break it up because we were convinced that we could do it. We didn't see anybody else in the business who was any better than us. Only that they were more conscientious and organized about what they did. And we weren't.

HP: So at what point did you?

Allen: I guess it was about whatever time that first album was released when Murray (Krugman) finally decided to sign us to Columbia Records. We did two records for Elektra — The Soft White Underbelly, and another one as Stalk Forest.

HP: You've done big outdoor dates, haven't you?

Allen: Sure. As an example, maybe 1 shouldn't say this kind of thing, but we just did the Oakland Coliseum and the last three groups on the bill — it was a big festival day — was like us, Jeff Beck, and J. Geils. And we played and it was just — I mean, it was it! It was perfect. It was one of the best shows that we've had since we've been out, everybody went nuts and bananas, and like rock & roll crazy. Then Jeff followed us, and it didn't work well, that's not to say, I mean I love Jeff Beck's records, you know, but now he works with a kind of music that is much nicer in a small hall. Because he does so much that you have to hear it all, and it's not - I mean ours is a simpler music — ours is a simple rock & roll music and it works well in big halls.

HP: A lot of this album isn't.
Allen: Isn't?

HP: Isn't so simple.

Allen: No, as a produced album it isn't, but it can be played simply, and still work. I mean we can't play the way the record sounds. If we wanted to hire some extra musicians to go out, we could. I mean I'm sitting up there with five different keyboards so I can do a lot of things, but still and all, that's a record and, see, that's another big difference is that we have always done our records decided with total awareness of the fact that we were going to have to go out and play them. In other words, we designed them to take them right back out on the road. This one we didn't. We said the hell with it, we are just going to make a record that sounds great. No matter what we have to do on it, we are just going to produce it because a record is a record and a performance is a performance and they are two distinctly different things. HP: Do you like being on the road? Allen: On the road? I hate it.

HP: How could you possibly hate it? You do it more than anybody else in the world.

Allen: That's why I hate it. I've been doing it for like eight years. I've been on the road for eight years. It's turning me into an alcoholic. Look at it—you are investing twenty-four hours of a day to do two hours work. What the hell do you do with all the rest of the time?

HP: You could sleep, you could lie in the sun, you could go shopping, you could investigate the cities...

Allen: I have.

HP: And after a couple of years, yeah, right. I mean does it get sort of morally debilitating?

Allen: That song, Tenderloin, that's another one I wrote on the record and that's exactly what that's about.

HP: Have there been serious points where you have really been depressed or disillusioned with being in the situation you've been in; seeing bands that open for you get big, do you like playing enough that it's been worthwhile?

Allen: Yeah, I like playing enough and I believe that what we do — I believe in the value of what we do, more than I believe in the value of a lot of other people that I've seen. You know, if anything has held us back to a degree, I think it's been that .. the fact that, you know like Sandy, a lot of people always have this thing about oh, well, it's like Sandy's band and all that kind of stuff but they don't understand that Sandy's been there since the day zero. I mean Sandy was there, I mean it was almost his idea. He said like to Donald and I, why don't you put a band together. And he's been there ever since. Andy Sandy's like, you know, he's a close friend and his involvement in the record, I mean he's the sixth member of the group. It's as simple as that. His influence was enormously important in the mixing of the record. Sandy is a brilliant mixer. I mean I think the record sounds beautiful, and that has a lot to do with his mixing of

HP: He's not a traditional kind of manager.

- Allen: No he's not. I mean he would never do anything without our say-so or our discussing it. In a way it's like the whole band is an anachronism in rock & roll. To this day, I mean we don't take limousines to our shows. I don't like limousines, I don't like to ride around in them that much. In fact when you are doing shows on percentage, they cost you money. It happens on our shows. The bands under us will have limousines waiting because there are people in this business who think that that's all there is to the goddam business, is to drive around in limousines and cop the groupies on the road and all that kind of stuff and that's like dead-end. That's like hell to me. Really, I mean not that being indulgent and degenerate isn't fun a lot of times but you know to terminally tie yourself to that kind of life is just hell, you know what I mean, you are going to die. You know, the funniest thing is, we'll drive up backstage in a stationwagon and there will be kids and they'll say, "What, no limousine?" and they'll resent us for it.

HP: They're disappointed.

Allen: Yeah, they are disappointed about it. I feel sorry for those kids, if that's the kind of attachment they have to the thing then they are suffering from the worst of terminal American kind of ideas of success and money.

HP: Well, it's hero worship, they want their stars to be sort of Hollywood.

Allen: Yeah, except that heroism to me doesn't have much to do with limousines.

HP: It depends on how many fan magazines you read as a kid.

Allen: I read the magazines.

HP: Did you believe in all of that?

Allen: Not that stuff. I mean if I loved Elvis it was because I thought he was saving fuck you to my mother and father, you know what I mean? I mean it was a very emotional-policitical kind of idea of alternatives, and it's like the harder the country's dying, well here's somebody who is alive you know, boom. I could care less about the limousines. I mean I cared more about having a hot rod than a limousine. That was much more important. Obviously adolescence is the most dynamic period of life in America because it's a time when suddenly everybody starts to feel like they've been suckered and they've got to make a break. And they start putting their energies into it and when I went through that it was like I used rock & roll it would take me a long time to figure out why except that it was just a more ... it seemed a much more honest emotional interpretation of the way the world was — full of all kinds of craziness and anxieties and stuff like that. I don't know if that's the same kind of thing that kids are still going through, although from the fans that I talk to it is, but they're much smarter than I was.

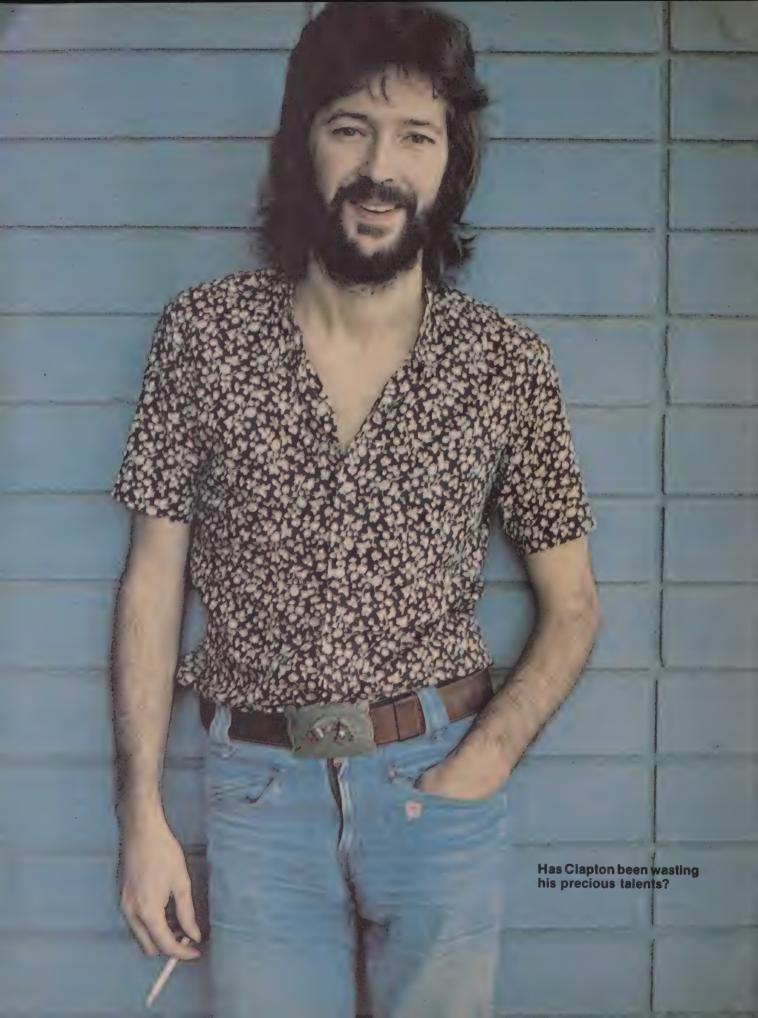
HP: Well, your fans are very special, aren't they, I mean you really do have quite a special relationship.

Allen: With a lot of fans yes, they do and we do. To me our fans have always been part of the disenfranchised element. Like I was. I think that the best people in rock & roll are always part of that. And being able to give some kind of voice to that is the heart of rock & roll to me still should be — I mean all the Roman decadence of it, that does not, like the greatest thing I ever admired about the Stones was that story about when Keith, he took off and said, to hell with this plane and all this crap, let's drive and he got arrested in a Louisiana town and that kind of attitude I think is what's kept their music important.

HP: Do you feel that your fans are going to think this album is more accessible than some of your others?

Allen: Accessible yeah. But you see this is the thing — I think there are a lot of misconceptions about — you have to learn to

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CLAPTON'S GUITAR funky, sloppy, original and fun...

by Jim Girard

He should be singing everything himself and playing all the guitar parts in some splendid overdubbing miracle.

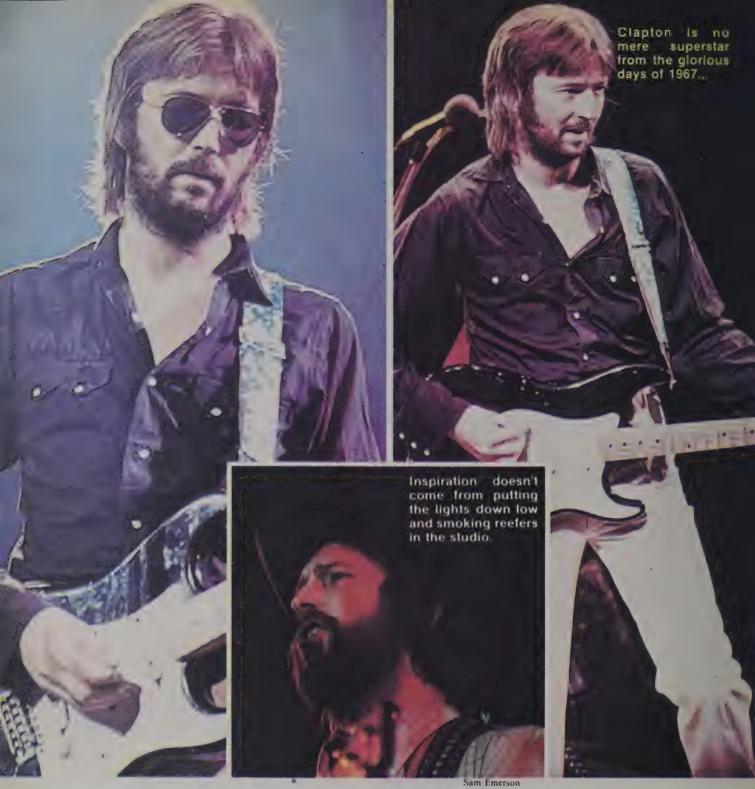
By a lot of people's standards, Eric Clapton just can't seem to do anything right these days.

It certainly isn't a question of whether or not he IS or IS NOT a certified, documented genius by the rules and regulations of the Marcus Of Queensbury. No, it's just that the people who do take Clapton seriously — or at least purport to — have a funny way of showing their affections.

They do things like bitch a lot because he doesn't throw in any really meaty (1967ish that is) guitar riffs on his solo albums. They have been known to pine for hours about how Clapton (their boy) has been wasting his precious talents on people like Yvonne Elliman and Marcy Levy; he should be singing everything himself and playing all of the guitar parts in some splendid overdubbing miracle. They seem opposed to the unfashionable manner in which Clapton chooses to make his music. The name of the game is "virtuosity sweepstakes" and they'd like to see ole "Slowhand Clapton" take all of the honors. My closest peers and friends are among these low-lifes I speak of.

I don't put myself above Clapton's fanatical fringe, but I certainly defend Eric any chance I get.

Clapton's latest offering, NO EREASON TO CRY, is, needless to say, on my turntable quite a bit. Not only do I



understand WHY he makes records, but I think I can also ascertain why it is, for the man, important to make them. Smell me, eh?

Look. Eric Clapton is no mere superstar from the glorious days of 1967 and Cream that must resort to reforming his old partners in music to put food on the table. No, he's a veteran musician (something he was committed to long before any of us ever *heard* of The Yardbirds, much less The Cream) who might have suffered from the confusion of his own excesses, but, nonetheless, Clapton has shown amazing integrity and good taste on each and every one of his

solo recordings (mainly including 461 OCEAN BOULEVARD onward). For a man who started out playing Sonny Boy Williamson music and similarly - styled blues things, Clapton has always explored all (not just the more, shall we say, palatable) areas of that music. What it is like to be stoned and hurt, lost and suddenly found, or just totally mindless, has been steadily revealed within recent Clapton recordings.

As I said, Clapton is a musician, not a polka jock who makes extra bread to rebuild his basement by playing gigs at local bars. And if Clapton *did* play a local bar, it would probably be because he

needs to play, wants to play, knowing that this is how he justifies not doing himself in years ago. It has been said (by a certain person in another publication who, if I ever meet him, shall eat his spineless words) that Clapton should have died years ago, like Jimi and Janis and all the other great stars of that all too overrated musical period.

That person typifies the attitude I have spent the first part of this piece explaining. Those people will probably never understand that music is something ongoing, something that doesn't stop because the television set in your mind has focused on something pretty. Lucky

for musicians of the last few generations that there is such a thing as vinyl to capture those moments of importance; records aren't final statements, just photos of a still life period that can never be duplicated. Understand? If so, get off Clapton's back and try to enjoy the funky, sloppy, original and fun things that NO REASON TO CRY has to offer.

Ronnie Wood joins in on the sessions (those who have met the man know that he could make a funeral a stiff upper lip affair, complete with a gag or two) and brought daylight with his charm and ever-growing battery of guitar ideas. If Wood isn't as good as Clapton from a technical standpoint, then no matter; Clapton isn't duelling anymore. Rather, the two guitarists' respect for each other becomes a touch and go trade off of simple deliveries.

The presence of Bob Dylan shouldn't become an ominous sign. He contributed his "Sign Language" and sings a duet (if you can call controlled mumbling a duet) with Clapton on it. So it isn't a matter of whether or not the two are going for an Everly thing or not. Instead, Clapton and Dylan are in much the same trap and share empathy and partnership; so what they sound lethargic and apallingly spontaneous about the whole matter. Dylan's vocals are mixed higher than Clapton's, making "Sign Language" almost a total Dylan record.

The Band's Shangri La studios were used to record the sessions. The change in climate and temperament (from sunny Florida) to the other coast, plus the fact that Tom Dowd was not producing the sessions, give them an even looser feel than the casualness of Clapton albums like 461 OCEAN BOULEVARD. THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD and, of course, the Dowd sessions on the live E.C. WAS HERE album. If the vocals are strikingly lacking in sobriety, that's intentional. More than that, NO REASON TO CRY comes close to achieving an almost "demo tape" aura. The tight vocals and brisk deliveries of the aforementioned past albums is replaced by a casual mix that punches when it should punch, but has a more "live" feel to it than anything Clapton has done before. Rob Fraboni's production work is cleaner than anything Tom Dowd has done with Clapton — whatever the reason. Also, a concerted effort has been made to play down instrumentation (after E.C. WAS HERE, the live album that gave everyone a little virtuosity to whet their whistles) and just play songs; not a bad idea, eh?

I would imagine that Clapton might just be a little jealous of The Band. After all, each of the members of The Band has enjoyed the others' company for about 15 years of joint efforts and tight playing. The low-key aura in which The Band creates is a definite attraction to Clapton who, for the past few albums, has still been running a "can we get this album done?" hurriedness of Miami's Criteria studios, a very busy and highly soughtafter facility. At Shangri La, Clapton rubbed elbows with Robbie Robertson,

Rick Danko and Richard Manuel of The Band and managed to soak up much of their style — he seems to thrive on new areas to work in.

The opening cut is Richard Manuel's and Rick Danko's "Beautiful Thing," a fairly unassuming number that plods along with Clapton, Marcy Levy and Yvonne Elliman sharing the vocals. Another Bandish song is "All Our Past Times." With Clapton and Rick Danko sharing and trading verses on a song they co-wrote, the entire attitude of why and how to make records seems to be undergoing re-evaluation and change.

What has happened is that Clapton is learning that the "let's make the perfect record and create something that will last forever" attitude of many soppy - minded British musicians and lesser pickers on our own shores is really inane and counter productive. Inspiration doesn't come from putting the lights down low and smoking reefer in the studio. No, it just comes when it comes — the rest is extraneous and a waste.

One specific example of inspiration and good taste is "Carnival." A Clapton original, the song utilizes both female vocalists (Marcy Levy and good old Yvonne Elliman) and Clapton's more rhythmic side of axe handling. And if that style of Clapton doesn't do it to you, then try the old Otis Rush blues number "Double Trouble" — with Eric bringing the blues down home again.

Although NO REASON TO CRY isn't a "something for everyone" album, there certainly isn't a lack of musical styles being toyed with. This album brings out the talents of vocalist Marcy Levy as a songwriter, too. It manages to show Clapton is churning out new musical ideas with amazing clarity and imagination. If he had fun doing it ... well; isn't that what it's all about?

Percussionist Sergio Rodriguez, the two female ravens of Levy and Elliman, Carl Radle (bass), Dick Sims (keyboards), Jamie Oldaker (drums) and guitarist George Terry comprise Clapton's '76-'77 road band. The addition of Rodriguez is virtually the only one in personnel from Clapton's last few tours. Clapton's entire band play on NO

Clapton's entire band play on NO REASON TO CRY, adding to the closeness of the tracks.

"Eric is the warmest person in the world. He's the kind of guy you would do anything for. He treats all of us as equals and everyone in the band loves him."

The above quote was from the lips of Yvonne Elliman, a veteran Clapton trooper for the last three years. The lady ought to know. When she told me how Clapton really was and how he felt so strongly about his music, I changed my mind about what we should expect from the ex-guitar wizard. And after hearing NO REASON TO CRY, I would suggest that the title might be altered to give his detracters a message; maybe the album could be called NO REASON TO BITCH...



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FLY LIKE AN EAGLE

(As recorded by Steve Miller Band)

STEVE MILLER

Tip top tip doot doot doo doo Time keeps on slippin', slippin' into the future Time keeps on slippin', slippin' into the future.

I wanna fly like an eagle to the sea Fly like an eagle let my spirit carry me I want to fly like an eagle 'til I'm free Right thru the revolution.

Feed the babies
Who don't have enough to eat
Shoe the children
With no shoes on their feet
House the people
Livin' in the street
Oh there's a solution.

I wanna fly like an eagle to the sea Fly like an eagle let my spirit carry me I want to fly like an eagle 'til I'm free Right thru the revolution Doo doot 'n doo doot.

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LUCKY MAN

(As recorded by Starbuck)

BRUCE BLACKMAN

Rock and roll just keeps me crazy Southern living makes me lazy Tired of playing Cassanova When I'm just a shady grover yeah.

> Ooo I'm a lucky man Ooo I'm a lucky man Ooo I'm a lucky man Ooo I'm a lucky man.

It's me and you, and you and me And we're happy as a monkey in a coconut tree

Riviera sunny seaside
Foreign ladies got my weak side
I'm tired of drinking crazy French wine
Coming home now if you're still mine.

Mississippi watermelon, cantelopes I love to smell 'em Thinking clearly ain't my trademark

I don't bite quite loud as I bark.

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SUMMER SNOW

(As recorded by Blue Magic)

BOBBY ELI

Summer snow, summer snow Summer snow, summer snow When it comes then I'll go Summer snow.

Picture flakes falling
On a crowded beach
See the green leaves freezing in the
trees

Picture roses growing in a bed of white

When winter comes along suddenly
And when it happens
That's when I'll stop loving you
That's when I'll stop loving you

That's when I'll stop loving you
That's when I'll stop loving you
That's when I'll stop loving you.
Visualize a heat wave

On Christmas Day
Children building snowmen out of clay
Imagine if you can a winter
wonderland

Suddenly there's no summer sand
And when it happens
That's when I'll stop loving you
That's when I'll stop loving you
That's when I'll stop loving you.

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NEW KID IN TOWN

(As recorded by Eagles)

JOHN DAVID SOUTHER
DON HENLEY
GLENN FREY

There's talk on the street
It sounds so familiar
Great expectations
Ev'rybody's watchin' you
People you meet they all seem to know
you
Even your old friends treat you like
you're something new.

Johnny come lately The new kid in town Ev'rybody loves you So don't let them down.

You look in her eyes
The music begins to play
Hopeless romantics
Here we go again
But after awhile you're looking the
other way
It's those restless hearts that never end.

Johnny come lately The new kid in town Will she still love you When you're not around?

There's so many things you should have told her
But night after night you're willing to hold her, just hold her
Tears on your shoulder
There's talk on the street it's there to remind you
That it doesn't really matter which side you're on

That it doesn't really matter which side you're on You're walking away And they're talking behind you They will never forget you 'till somebody new comes along ... Where you been lately There's a new kid in town Ev'rybody loves him don't they? And he's holding hands and you're still around

Oh my my there's a new kid in town
Just another new kid in town
Ooo hoo

Ev'rybody's talking 'bout the new kid in town

Ooo hoo

Ev'rybody's walking like the new kid in town

There's a new kid in town I don't want to hear it There's a new kid in town I don't want to hear it There's a new kid in town There's a new kid in town.

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TORN BETWEEN TWO

(As recorded by Mary MacGregor)

PHILLIP JARRELL PETER YARROW

There are times when a woman has to say what's on her mind Even though she knows how much it's gonna hurt Before I say another word let me tell you I love you Let me hold you close and say these words as gently as I can There's been another man that I've needed And I've loved but that doesn't mean I love you less And he knows he can't possess me and he knows he never will There's just this empty place inside of me that only he can fill.

Torn between two lovers
Feeling like a fool
Loving both of you is breaking all the
rules
Torn between two lovers
Feeling like a fool
Loving you both is breaking all the rules.

You mustn't think you failed me
Just because there's someone else
You were the first real love I ever had
And all the things I ever said I swear
they still are true
For no one else can have the part of me I
gave to you.

Torn between two lovers
Feeling like a fool
Loving both of you is breaking all the
rules

Torn between two lovers
Feeling like a fool
Loving you both is breaking all the rules.

I couldn't really blame you if you turned and walked away But with everything I feel inside I'm asking you to stay.

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IN THE MOOD

(As recorded by Henhouse Five Plus Twol

JOE GARLAND

Who's the livin' dolly with the beautiful

What a pair o' lips I'd like to try 'em for size I'll just tell her, "Baby, won't you swing it with me"

Hope she tells me maybe, what a wing it will be

So I said politely "Darlin' may I intrude" She said "Don't keep me waitin' when I'm in the mood".

First I held her lightly and we started to dance

Then I held her tightly what a dreamy romance

And I said "Hey, baby, it's a quarter to three

There's a mess of moonlight won't-cha

share it with me" "Well" she answered "Mister, don'tcha know that it's rude To keep my two lips waitin' when they're in the mood."

In the mood That's what she told me In the mood And when she told me in the mood My heart was skippin' It didn't take me long to say "I'm in the mood now" In the mood (oh joy) For all her kissin' In the mood (oh joy) Her crazy lovin' In the mood (oh boy)

What I was missin It didn't take me long to say I'm in the mood now.

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HARD LUCK WOMAN

(As recorded by Kiss)

PAUL STANLEY

If never I met you I'd never have seen you cry If not for a first hello We'd never have to say goodbye.

If never I held you My feelings would never show It's time I start walkin' but there's so much you'll never know.

I keep tellin' you hard luck woman You ain't a hard luck woman Raas The sailors only daughter

A child of the water too proud to be a queen Rags

I really love ya I can't forget about you You'll be a hard luck woman Baby till you find your man.

Before I go let me kiss you And wipe the tears from your eyes I don't wanna hurt you girl You know I could never lie.

I keep tellin' you hard luck woman You gin't a hard luck woman You'll be a hard luck woman Baby till you find your man.

You'll be a hard luck woman Baby till you find your man.

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THIS SONG

(As recorded by George Harrison)

GEORGE HARRISON

This song has nothing tricky about it This song ain't black or white and as far as I know

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This song we'll let be This song is in E This song is for you and.

This tune has nothing Bright about it This tune ain't bad or good and come ever what may

My expert tells me it's okay.

As this song came to me Quite unknowingly This song could be you could be.

This riff ain't trying to win gold medals This riff ain't hip or square Well done or rare May end up one more weight to bear.

But this song could well be A reason to see — that Without you there's no point to ... this song.

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CAN'T ASK FOR ANYMORE THAN YOU.

(As recorded by Cliff Richard)

KEN GOLD MICHAEL DENNE

Oh babe You could have been a bad girl, wasted all my time You could have got me mad girl, made

me lose my mind But you did what you had to do And ev'ry word you said to me was true You gave me what I asked for And I can't ask for anymore than you.

It makes me very proud baby To know that you're my girl I want to say it loud baby I want to tell the world That you did what you had to do.

I've got everything a man could need

Oh, I feel just like a slave that has been freed

I won't cry myself to sleep no more 'Cause I've found the love that I'd been lookin' for Oh. babe.

Now I don't have a problem Now I don't give a damn You see I lost my only problem When you made me your man 'Cause you did what you had to do.

Woo oo oo Can't ask for anything more than you,

Can't ask for anything more than you.

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She thinks I still care.

But if she's happy thinking I still need

Then let that silly notion bring her cheer But how could she ever be so foolish And where did she get such an idea.

Just because I haunt the same old places

Where the memory of her lingers everywhere

Just because I saw her then went all to pieces

She thinks I still care She thinks I still care.

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SHE THINKS I STILL CARE

(As recorded by Elvis Presley)

DICKEY LEE

Just because I asked a friend about her Just because I spoke her name somewhere

Just because I rang her number by mistake today

She thinks I still care.

Just because I haunt the same old places Where the memories of her lingers

everywhere Just because I saw her then went all to pieces

MOODY BLUE

(As recorded by Elvis Presley)

MARK JAMES

Well, it's hard to be a gambler bettin' on the number that changes ev'ry time Well you think you're gonna win, think she's givin' in

A stranger's all you find Yeah, it's hard to figure out what she's all about

That she's a woman through and through.

She's a complicated lady So color my baby moody blue Oh moody blue, tell me am I gettin' through I keep hangin' on try'na learn the song but I never do

Oh moody blue, tell me who I'm talkin'

You're like night and day and it's hard to say which one is you.

Well, when Monday comes she's Tuesday

When Tuesday comes she's Wednesday, into another day again

Her personality unwinds just like a ball of twine on a spool that never ends Just when I think I know her well

Her emotions reveal she's not the person that I thought I knew. (Repeat chorus)

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BABY YOU LOOK GOOD TO ME TONIGHT

(As recorded by John Denver)

BILL DANOFF

I've been up on this highway four or five days in a row

My words all run together and my feet are moving slow

I've gotta stop and eat while it's still light

There's a local angel sitting on my right
Do you believe in love at first sight
Baby, you look good to me tonight
Well, I'm ordinarily very shy and I'd be
polite if I had the time

But baby, you look good to me tonight Tomorrow I'll be good and gone But please don't make me wait that long

Baby, you look good to me tonight.

"I get off at eleven," she said and walked away

She poured a cup of coffee and she brought it on a tray

She said, ''It would be nice if you could stay

You're the best idea I've had all day Usually, I put up a fight But baby, you look good to me tonight."

Well, I'm ordinarily very shy but I grinned at her while I ate my pie Said baby, you look good to me tonight I thought I must be in a dream when she asked me if I wanted cream Baby, you look good to me tonight.

All in all you know it's not a bad life on the road

If you got wheels to roll and lucky stars above

You're destiny's your own you go as far as you can go

And if there's time to sleep there's time to make love

I came, I saw, I conquered and I rode off in the sun.

But you know the look she left me with keeps telling me she won Her smile is the only thing I see Whispering those words of prophecy "I may come easy but I don't come free You're never gonna see the last of me."

Baby, you look good to me
I was born to love you, can't you see
Baby, you look good to me tonight
I'm ordinarily very shy but I take the
time to satisfy

Baby, you look good to me tonight Baby, you look good to me tonight.

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BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

(As recorded by Manfred Mann's Earth Band)

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

Madman drummers bummers and Indians in the summer with a teenage diplomat

In the dumps with the mumps as the adolescent pumps his way into his hat With a boulder on my shoulder, feelin' kind-a older

I tripped the merry-go-round

With this very unpleasing, sneezing and wheezing the caliope crashed to the around.

Some all hot half shot was headin' for the hot spot, snappin' his fingers, clappin' his hands

And some flesh-pot mascot was tied into a lover's knot with a what-not in her hand

And now young Scott with a slingshot fin'lly found a tender spot and throws his lover in the sand And some blood shot forget-me-not

whispers daddy's within earshot, save the buckshot, turn up the band.

And she was blinded by the light Oh, cut loose like a deuce, another runner in the night Blinded by the light

She got down, but she never got tight, but she'll make it, alright Some brimstone baritone anti-cyclone rolling stone preacher from the east He says, "Dethrone the dictaphone, hit it in its funny bone, that's where they expect it least."

And some new-mown chaperone was standin' in the corner all alone watchin' the young girls dance

And some fresh-sown moonstone was messin' with his frozen zone to remind him of the feelin' of romance.

Yeah, he was blinded by the light Oh, cut loose like a deuce, another runner in the night Blinded by the light He got down but he never got tight, but he's gonna make it tonight.

Some silicone sister with her manager's mister told me I got what it takes She said, "I'll turn you on, sonny, to somethin' strong if you play that song with the funky break."

And go cart Mozart was checkin' out the weather chart to see if it was safe to go outside

And little Early Pearly came by in her curly wurly, and asked me if I needed a ride

Oh, some hazard from Harvard was skunked on beer, playin' backyard bombardier

Yes and Scotland Yard was tryin' hard, they sent some dude with a calling card He said. "Do what you like, but don't do it here."

Well, I jumped up, turned around, spit in the air, fell on the ground Asked him which was the way back home

He said, "Take a right at the light, keep goin' straight until night And then, boys, you're on your own."

And now in Zanzibar a shootin' star was ridin' in a side car, hummin' a lunar

Yes, and the avatar said blow the bar, but first remove the cookie jar We're gonna teach those boys to laugh too soon

And some kidnapped handicap was complainin' that he caught the clap from some mouse trap he bought last night

Well, I unsnapped his skull cap and between his ears I saw a gap and figured he'd be alright.

He was just blinded by the light Oh, cut loose like a deuce, another runner in the night Blinded by the light Mama always told me not to look into the sights of the sun

Oh, but mama, that's where the fun is Oo yeah

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Tell me brother what have I, I done to you

To make you mean and treat me the way you do

Go on and wave your flag, brother, start your revolution

I'm willing to let you do your thing Tell me why are you blind when it comes to mine.

Oh, you gotta believe in something Why not believe in me You gotta believe in something Why not believe in me.

Why don't you let the Wilson sisters set you free.

Take the chain off your brain Take the chain off your brain Listen brother you're always talkin' about the world needin' changin' You better stop, take a look at yourself Stop ridiculin'.

You gotta believe in something Why not believe in me.

Why don't you let the Wilson sisters set you free.

You gotta believe in something Why not believe in me Why don't you shake a hand make a friend

You gotta believe in something Why not believe in me The world don't need to be no colder Get the chip off your shoulder You gotta believe in something Why not believe in me You got shoes and I got shoes God bless the child that's got his own shoes

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FANCY DANCER

(As recorded by Commodores)

RONALD LaPREAD LIONEL RICHIE

Have you found yourself in love before Tell me ain't it a different kind of thang So much lovin' such a real good feelin' child

The kind of feelin' good lovin' brings veah

With your head on my shoulder My head's a spinnin' 'round and around yeah

I hear the sound of sweet funky music Oh even when there ain't no sound veah

Visions of you my love dancin' in my head

The star in my life girl Only one thing can be said.

That you're my fancy dancer yeah (fancy dancer)

You're my fancy dancer yeah (fancy

dancer)

You're my fancy dancer yeah (fancy dancer)

You're my fancy dancer yeah ooh.

You're the only thing on my mind You fancy dancer oh ha.

Look'a here the way you move is such a freaky thrill

I love the way you twist and turn your body girl

You're like a puppet on a string yeah Shake it baby, shake it baby

Just like a fox strollin' down the block in L.A. oh

Drive me crazy sexy lady You're so bad there's only one thing I can say yeah. (Repeat chorus)

Girl you blow my mind you're so fine My fancy dancer.

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Baby it's the way you do your thing

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

(As recorded by Bobby Womack & Brotherhood)

PHILLIP MITCHELL

I could never be happy on a hill With a whole lot of money, girl It just don't feel like it did with you In a little old shack, girl, way down home across the railroad tracks.

Take me home, sweet home That's where my heart is Oh I wanna go home, sweet home That's where my heart is.

Some folks groove on big cadillacs Fancy clothes and stuff like that I was perfectly happy as I can be With my chevrolet and my Ginaree. (Repeat chorus)

Might not never become a millionaire As long as I got you honey I don't care

If I'm down and out got holes in my shoes

But I'd still feel as rich as Howard Hughes. (Repeat chorus)

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YESTERDAY'S HERO

(As recorded by Bay City Rollers)

HARRY VANDA GEORGE YOUNG

When I walk down the street See the people who stop and stare And say haven't I seen that face somewhere a long time ago When I walk down the street See the stranger who says:

"Why, hi," with a "How you going, Buddy" when you walked on by I thought I'd say hello

They say: Haven't I seen your face before

Weren't you the boy that used to live next door

Weren't you on television ev'ry night Haven't I seen you 'round.

Take a look at me I'm yesterday's hero, yesterday's hero That's all I'll be Take a look at me I'm yesterday's hero And yesterday's hero is all that I'm gonna be If I don't get together, make a new start and be somebody better All that I'll be if I don't get together

When you walk down the street If you know me, then pass me by If you wonder what I'm doing don't ask me why

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I don't read the news When you walk down the street If you're sorry then don't feel bad If you followed my story then just be glad you ain't in my shoes Because, haven't you seen my face

before Yes, I was the boy who used to live next door

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EASY TO LOVE

(As recorded by Joe Simon)

DONNIE FRITTS TONY JOE WHITE

You're so easy (to love) So doggone easy (to love) You know how to please me (with your Oh, baby

Nobody ever moved me (like you do) You make me feel (so brand new) And I know (you feel it, too) Don't cha, baby?

Hey, you're some kind of wonderful Got it bad for you, girl What can I do?

You're so easy (to love) So doggone easy (to love) You know how to please me (with your love)

Thank you, baby Whenever I'm lonely (in the night) And I need you to hold me (so tight) Can you come over? (Well alright)

Hey, you got that thing about you I can't live without you Why should I try? (Repeat chorus)

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IF NOT YOU

(As recorded by Dr. Hook)

DENNIS LOCORRIERE

Who's gonna water my plants
Who's gonna patch my pants
And who's gonna give me the chance to
feel brand new
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Who's gonna kiss where it hurts

And who needs a man when he flirts

the way I do.

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(As recorded by KC And The Sunshine Band)

RICHARD FINCH H.W. CASEY

I, baby, I, I like to do it with you I, baby, I, I like to do it with you.

I like to boogie now all night long
Do it with you

I like to shake it up, shake it down
Do it with you.

I, baby, I, I like to do it with you I, baby, I, I like to do it with you.

I'd like to take you all 'round the world

Do it with you

I'd like you to be my one and only girl

Do it with you.

I, baby, I, I like to do it with you I, baby, I, I like to do it with you. Oh, yeah, baby, do it with you Oh, yeah, baby, do it with you.

Do it with you
Do it with you
I'd like to do it with you
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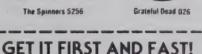
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Your laughing eyes
Three
The way you understand
Four

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The way you comb your hair
Six
Your freckled nose
Seven
The way you say you care
Eight
Your crazy clothes
That's just half of sixteen reasons
Why I love you.

Nine Snuggling in the car Ten Your wish upon a star Eleven Whisp'ring on the phone Twelve Your kiss when we're alone Thirteen The way you thrill my heart Fourteen Your voice so neat Fifteen You say we'll never part Sixteen Our love's complete Those are all of sixteen reasons

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Why I love you.

SOMETHIN' 'BOUT CHA

(As recorded by Latimore)

BENNY LATIMORE

Baby there ain't no other place in the
world that I'd rather be
And I'm going to stay right here till you
tell me that you're tired of me
Baby I feel so good
I feel so good every time I get close to
you
Words can't express the feelings that I

have in my heart for you.

There's somethin' about cha
Ooo baby
There's somethin' about cha
I don't know what it is
There's somethin' about cha
Ooo baby
There's somethin' about cha.

If there's anything you ever need or want

Just tell me about it

Lord knows, I don't want to see you without it

I'm gonna try to give you everything you want

When you want it

How you want it

Every time you think you want it.

(Repeat chorus)

Baby come on and lay your fine self
down here by my side
I want to make sweet leve to you baby
till you say you're satisfied
And just as long as I know I got you
I don't need nobody else
If the Lord made anything better than
you, he must have kept it to himself.
(Repeat chorus)

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DAMN RIGHT IT'S GOOD

(As recorded by Gwen McCrae)

CLARENCE REID

My sweet man keeps my love life real, real rosy
But you see I got some girlfriends, sometimes they can get real nosy
They say "Girl, he must be doin' something good to you
'Cause he's got your mind all blown."

What I really want to tell y'all is to leave me the hell alone But instead I say something like this

l say. "Damn right it's good

I'd better knock on wood!"
I said damn right it's good
I'd better knock on wood.

People see me doing all kind of things for my man

Some think I'm crazy, and the others just don't understand

You see, I used to get real mad when my friends tried to dip into my personal business

But now when they ask me questions I tell them girl, I'll be a witness And I testify and say.

My baby's really something, keeps my body jumpin'

Keeps my heart a-thumpin' when we get down

Keeps my body screamin', keeps my eyes gleamin'

Oh, he keeps me screamin' that he's mine.

If any of you women have a man that's half as good as mine

Don't be ashamed to testify about how good he can get down

And if any of your friends come around asking questions

Trying to dip in your love business
Just smile and say something like this
Ooo honey I'll be your witness and I'll
tell the truth.
(Repeat chorus)

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AFTER THE LOVIN'

(As recorded by Engelbert Humperdinck)

> ALAN BERNSTEIN RICHIE ADAMS

So I sing you to sleep after the lovin'
With a song I just wrote yesterday
And I hope you can hear what the words
and the music have to say.

It's so hard to explain ev'rything that
I'm feelin'
Face to face I just seem to go dry

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So I sing you to sleep after the levin'
I brush back the hair from your eyes
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And I know that my song isn't saying anything new

Oh, but after the lovin', I'm still in love with you.

So I sing you to sleep after the lovin'

I brush back the hair from your eyes

And the love on your face is so real that it makes me wanna cry.

And I know that my song isn't saying

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Oh, but after the lovin', I'm still in love with you

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You got body english (that's what you got)

It's the lover's language You got body english (that's what you got)

It's the lover's language.

You fly to emotion that you understand Just wink your eye and give me a smile And squeeze my hand

You move with each other get down with one another.

'Cause you got body english (that's what you got) It's the lover's language

You got body english (that's what you got)

It's the lover's language.

Music don't care who listens to it A dance you do don't care who tries to

> Put a smile on your lips And vibrations in your hips.

'Cause you got body english (that's what you got)

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CLOSE TO YOU

(As recorded by Ronnie Dyson)

MARVIN YANCY CHUCK JACKSON

Close to you I like being close to you I seem to do so much better Whenever I get close to you, yes I do.

In your arms I like being in your arms It really seems like I'm in heaven Whenever I get in your arms, in your arms.

If I could write a book about you, baby I'd tell the world just what you've done for me

I'd tell 'em all how you've made me feel

'Cause loving you, girl, just ain't enough for me.

I gotta be close to you I like being close to you You know it all comes together It's such a pleasure being in your arms, in your arms.

And even when I'm not around you It's so amazing what you do to me You seem to know my ev'ry weakness If loving you this way is wrong I still want-a be, I got to be close to you I like being close to you You give me so much happiness I just want to rest, girl, close to you, close to you.

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LIFE

(As recorded by Betty Wright)

MILTON WRIGHT

This is up, this is down, life, is just a game

As long as you're around in my life I'll play the game

Let's go up, and never come down The trick is just to keep you hangin' around

We'll sail with the winds way over the

And love is enough it keeps us high in the clouds Yeah.

This is up, this is down, life, is what we

Cause the love that we've found makes of our lives just what we are

Let's go up, and never come down The singing of birds will be our only sound

The green of the trees, the feel of the breeze

The love that we have will take us higher than trees.

'Cause it's been so mellow, been so mellow baby Ooo baby

Everything you do, everything you do, ooo baby

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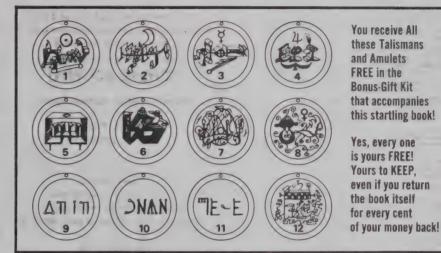
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But if I stay here with you girl Things just couldn't be the same 'Cause I'm as free as a bird now And this bird you'll never change And this bird you cannot change And this bird you cannot change Lord knows I can't change.

Bye bye baby it's been a sweet love Though this feeling I can't change But please don't take it so badly 'Cause the Lord knows I'm to blame.

But if I stay here with you girl Things just couldn't be the same 'Cause I'm as free as a bird now And this bird you'll never change And this bird you cannot change And this bird you cannot change Lord knows I can't change Lord help me, I can't change.

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HEY BABY

(As recorded by Ringo Starr)

MARGARET COBB BRUCE CHANNEL

Hey baby I want to know if you'll be my girl.

When I saw you walkin' down the street I said that's the kind of girl I like to meet She's so pretty, Lawd, she's fine I'm gonna make her mine, oh mine.

Hey baby I want to know if you'll be my girl.

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Think what this power can mean in your life. You need money . . and it's there! You want some affection . . . you'll be smothered! You want peace and quiet . . . the world stands still!

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No more secrets will be kept from You!

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Think how many secrets must be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell . . .

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Scott Reed is one of the nation's leading mind-power experts. Presently engaged as a writer on developments in the behavioral sciences, his revelations about the unseen world of the mind have been read by millions. A graduate of the City University of New York, his own life is living proof of "Automatic Mind-Command."

A Master Researcher, Metaphysician, and Psychic Advisor, he has helped countless men and women find true happiness. He has the rare ability of writing clearly and simply so that even the most profound Truths can be plainly understood by anyone.

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EAGLES (continued from page 9)

conceited than the next. Don claims this was a defensive maneuver. "You've got to have a good attitude in this business period — if you want to survive. You've got to think you're good, because if you don't, boy, you'll get eaten alive.

"We liked being an opening act. In some ways the underdog position like that is a little bit easier to work from, because you only have to play for 50 minutes. You can put all your best stuff in and compact it into 50 minutes, 40 minutes or whatever you've got — and you can kick ass."

Recently, for the first time, the Eagles have started looking less interested in themselves onstage and more into their music. There is even a kind of jolliness and good feeling there.

"Jesus, don't write that," says J.D.

"You'll wreck their image."

"It's been that way in the past year," says Don, "at least since Joe's been in the band. We still try to stay lean and hungry and not take too much for granted. Because it's harder to maintain it once you get there than it is coming up, and there are lots of other bands on the way up."

The Eagles, as the eastern critics point out, are a California band, and Glenn Frey opens each concert by saying something like, "Hello, we're the Eagles from Los Angeles." Only none of the Eagles is from Los Angeles. They come from Florida, Texas, Ohio, Nebraska and Michigan. What makes them so California?

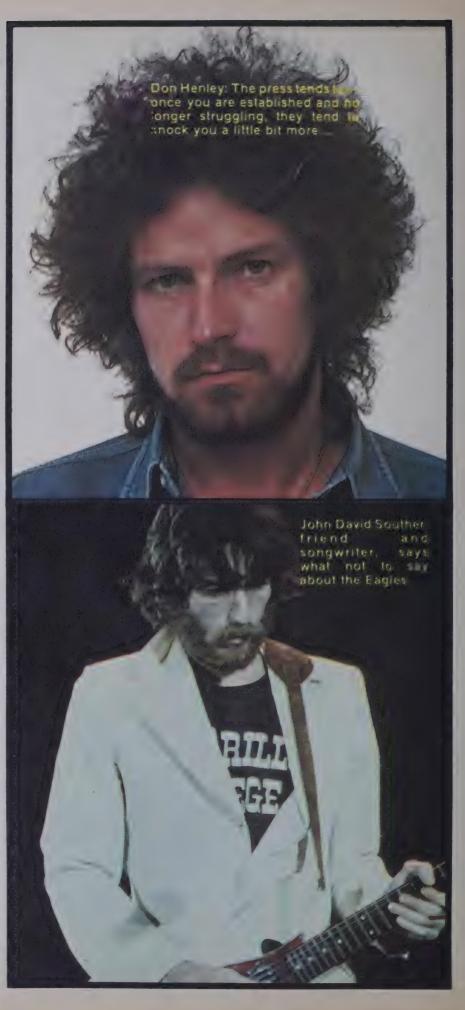
"But everybody in the music business in Los Angeles is from somewhere else," says Don. "That's what the California sound is: a culmination of the United States as a whole. The California sound is the American sound."

For the last several albums the Eagles have been writing about a life-style that has received the California label, too. As beautiful as the music may be, the lyrics are summed up in a line from one of their songs: "So you keep on singing after the thrill is gone." The songs seem to deal one way or another with empty, wasted lives. And maybe this is why all those rumors crop up.

The culmination of these devastated songs is the new "Hotel California," a concept album which comes right out and deals with Los Angeles in graphic terms. And the scene isn't a pretty one.

"We're not exactly going to make friends with this album," says Don, "but that's what it's about. We're just saying, 'Look what's happening.' I don't feel totally that way about California. I love it and I hate it at the same time."

There are a lot of mixed emotions about the Eagles. Perfectionists like they are can never be truly happy, and Henley has an ulcer to prove it. Perhaps one thing can comfort them: Their inner turmoil and creative agonizing has produced music that speaks to, and often brings solace to, millions. Let's wish them peace—and preservation.



H.P. INTERVIEW

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deal with the limitations of what you do, I don't think we ever did before now. In other words, I think our albums have been traditionally like molded into an intellectual kind of vein.

HP: That's interesting, the kind of music you play hasn't been intellectual music. Allen: No. it wasn't. Neither is any rock & roll as an idea is totally anti-intellectual. They don't blend together that well. There are limitations to any medium you choose. Like it's hard to make a decent movie out of a play because a play is words and a movie is images. It's hard to political statements and make philosophical statements in rock & roll because it's not a verbal medium to a great degree. See that's why I always used to admire Lennon because to me he was one of the people who could always use the simplest words that sounded like another silly song but then they weren't, you know?

HP: Do you feel any sense of competition with other bands?

Allen: Obviously I feel competition. It's a competitive business. How depressed can you get when I pick up trade papers and I read them for about ten minutes and I think, my God, the whole thing is nothing but a series of numbers. It's easy to lose contact with your audience like that because there are two different contingents. There's the kids out there and then there's the business, who is telling you one thing and you know in a way the bigger you get the less contact you have with your audience, and it's hard to maintain that perspective. I mean to keep stepping back and saying: look first of all, basic responsibility is to go out there and do something that the audience will go away feeling was a worthwhile experience. And will mean something to them. But you know, you don't have to. I mean kids are as big suckers as anybody else in the world. I hate to say it but I mean it's true.

HP: Do you go and see bands, do you have any interest in them?

Allen: I don't see very many bands. But most of the bands I've gone to see I didn't like. Even though I like a lot of bands' records.

HP: Yeah, like whose?

Allen: Well, like Zeppelin's records. I like them very much, but I did not like their show. I thought it was unenergetic, unambitious, kind of show, and I didn't appreciate it. I felt, you know, I mean hell, Elvis is just a has been but I've seen that Las Vegas film and he still sweats. HP: When you put on a show, how concerned are you with the image of what you are doing on stage?

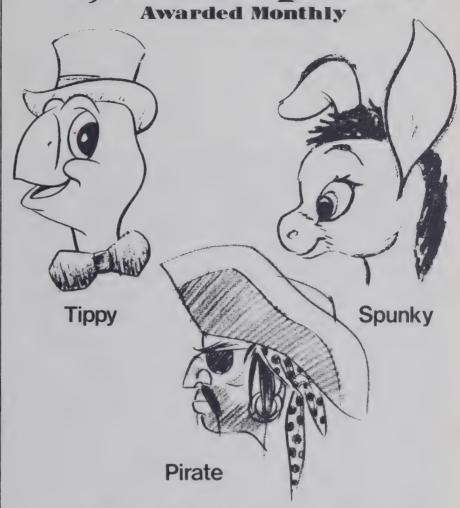
Allen: You mean, like the set and how it's programmed?

HP: No, like what you wear and your moves and who stands where.

Allen: I've been wearing the same thing for three years.

HP: What about the rest of them? Allen: They worry about it.□

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FLEETWOOD MAC

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HP: Since Fleetwood Mac was basically a blues band at the start did you and John McVie decide to start a band to play blues or did it just happen?

Mick: It just happened. Anyone who played in the first Fleetwood Mac was interested in blues music. It was very much a blues thing, but only remained a real blues thing for a year and a half or so. It's always changing for us — the music that is. That is what makes this band interesting I think.

HP: Have you always aimed for change in the music?

Mick: Yes. The new album, RUMOURS,

for example is going to surprise a lot of people who thought we had found our niche, as it were. They think we are gonna crank it out now. Luckily we aren't tied or held down like that. The new album is very different, very different..

John and I have always had a concept for this band which is just an attitude really. That is: we don't feel we have to supply people with the sort of thing they expect from you all the time. It's a healthy attitude and it gives us an advantage; other bands should have it. I think this is what has kept Fleetwood Mac a stimulating thing for John and myself.

HP: Since Fleetwood Mac doesn't have a manager, you have to sort of manage the affairs of the band. So you and John care for the business and help the others with their songs?

Mick: Well, I don't write music at all and I don't arrange any of the songs. John and I are the basis for this band and we direct things, in a way. I definitely have a lot to do with the recording of the albums. I like things the way they are now; it has worked.

HP: So you think the combination of the five of you works really well and that things will stay that way?

Mick: I hope so because this is the best Fleetwood Mac that ever was; we're a mixed musical band and we are getting better and better...□



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GEORGE HARRISON

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bad paranoia though," he said. "Every time I pick up the guitar to play something I think, 'oh, oh, this sounds like'... I can't help it, I do it all the time now."

To change the subject a bit, is it difficult being an "ex-Beatle"?? "Yes," George smiled. "As Derek Taylor would say, being born in Liverpool carries with it certain responsibilities." And, as for the inevitable Beatles - reunion question: "Well, that man who offered us five million dollars was supposed to also promote a match between a man and a shark, so my suggestion was that he, Sargent, fight the shark, and the winner could promote the Beatles concert."

George had said, before his 1974 tour, that he would never want to play with Paul McCartney again: "I couldn't see it." he says now. "Obviously if we did, we'd compromise ... But you know, I went to school with Paul. He was a year older than me. I met him when I was thirteen, and we were together for seventeen years before we split. People in America think that we got together around 1964 and split up in 1968. But from 1956 I was hanging out with Paul, and a little bit after that with John. When you're so close, you tend to lock each other up in pigeonholes, and for me, it was difficult. Because musically with Ringo and John I had no problem, but with Paul, well, it reached a point where he wouldn't let me play on the sessions.

"I say these things because it was a part of our splitting up. But at the same time, I have a tendency to defend Paul, John and Ringo too, if anyone else said anything without qualification about them. After going through all that together, there must be something good about it. It was all part of a solid experience. It's just that around 1968, everyone's egos started go-

ing crazy.

"Maybe it was just lack of tact, or discretion. But a lot of feelings got hurt and probably the biggest problem of all was that there was no way Yoko Ono or Linda McCartney was going to be in the Beatles. That really helped put the nail in the coffin. And that's said without any bitterness against Yoko or Linda, because I can really enjoy them as people. But let's face it, the Beatles were not with Yoko or Linda.

"I suppose it was a result of Yoko being an outsider, coming in, and John was pushing her, and she had such a strong ego anyway. Then Paul got Linda to get his own back.

"Anyway, it's all past. I haven't seen Paul since his party on the Queen Elizabeth a few years back. That's the only time you see him anyway, when he's having a big party. Who wants to be invited to a party of Paul's and you walk in and find yourself another statistic in a pop paper? They have all these camera people to show who came to his party ... I don't want to meet an old friend like that.

"The only thing that would get us together again is if we really wanted to be in each other's company so badly, and to

make music together."

Wouldn't the problems be the same?

"They probably would ... Like in the film 'Let It Be,' that part that was so awful for me to see. Where I say 'look, I'll play whatever you want, I'll play if you want me to play, I won't play if you don't want me to play, but just shut up with all this.' That's no fun. Life is supposed to be enjoyed. That was the day I left. For me, that was when I made my decision, it was the final straw.

"We'd gone through the double white album, which was misery, that was when all the women were coming in. That album went on a long time, but we just made it through. Then I went to LA to do an album with Jackie Lomax for Apple, had been hanging out with all these musicians in Woodstock, went back to England for Christmas, and January first we four got together for what was to become 'Let It Be.'

The very first day, as soon as we got back together playing, Paul went into this 'you do this, you do that, don't do this, don't do that,' and I thought, 'Christ, I thought he'd woken up by now.' Becuase he seemed so understanding when he'd sing songs like 'Let It Be.' He comes over as sort of hip to that, but when it comes to practicing ... it was just misery."

You didn't go home and sit in your garden and cry...

"No, I went home and wrote 'Wah-Wah.' But then we got together somehow to finish up 'Let it Be' which was a film of us rehearsing, and an album of us rehearsing. Then somehow we did 'Abbey Road' later in the studio, although it came out first. But that was nice, at least it was a nice album to exit on."

I asked George if he felt he's been misunderstood because of his religious involvements. "Yes," he said, "because people take their concept of religion and put it on me. All that orthodox training, heaven and hell, black and white, fear ... I've always been against that; when I went to church and saw people putting on their best suits, pretending to be nice, then going home and beating up their old ladies, I thought it was bullshit.

"My involvement with a spiritual life, or a love of Krishna, has to do with singing and dancing ... and manifesting my own divinity. We're all potentially divine, and I never could relate to that concept of someone up there and us all down here...

"It is difficult for me to lead a spiritual life and remain in the music scene. The music world is often ... seedy. It's pretty difficult, and I go back and forth. But on the occasions when I've been very straight, there are few people I can hang out with. Most of them have no purpose in their lives other than what they're doing at the time. The relationships are superficial, you're not really connecting. It's sad, because so many of the musicians I know get crazy ... and they're all potentially divine. They're my friends, and I love them, ... but it's hard. Gary Wright is a close friend of mine, we have basically the same goals. It's a supportive relationship as opposed to the ones who just sap your energy and then spit you out."

George said he'd gone through some bad periods in the past few years: "I've stopped drinking totally now, but in 1974 and 1975 I drank a lot of brandy and tequila. No wonder my little liver has almost fallen out. I've always had things to pull me out of the craziness ... like hepatitis. Now I feel much stronger, like any loop you go through, if you come out of it all, you come out stronger.

"Also, after five years of trying to figure out how to get all these great classical Indian musicians together, and at great expense, I went on the road with them and Ravi Shankar. I thought it would give people another kind of experience other than just watching Led Zeppelin all of their lives. But the audience as a whole didn't want that. There was a great response from a lot of people, but on the whole it was negative. People really fear the unknown, they'd rather I just go out and sing 'She Loves You' or 'Here Comes The Sun'.

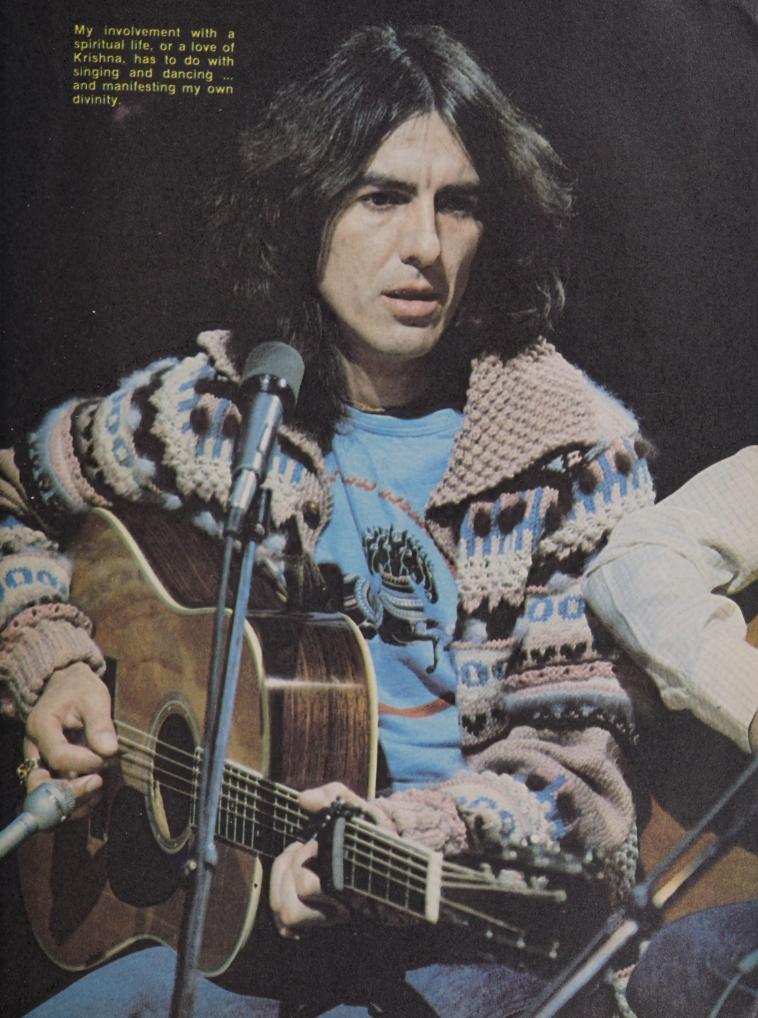
"A lot of misunderstanding went down," George continued. "I wanted to play to people who were interested, and I wanted it advertised as 'George Harrison and Ravi Shankar'. I even wanted the ads to read 'Don't come if you don't want to hear Indian music.' But of course they didn't advertise it that way. Bill Graham was afraid that it would confuse people. It wouldn't confuse anyone, he was just afraid the shows wouldn't sell out.

"I just wanted it clear that it was me, then. I got criticized for putting Billy Preston on, but for me it was important. There was a huge audience that wouldn't have seen Billy Preston were it not for that situation. And I couldn't do what the Stones do, which is have Billy there and sing one or two tunes and just as soon as he has everybody up dancing, cut him off and have Mick swing across the audience on a rope. That's disgustin'. If you're gonna have Billy, have him, but don't strap him to the back of the stage..."

How would you tour now?

"Well, I don't know ... I wouldn't like to compromise myself the way, say Wings, or Paul did. For me that was a compromise. Of course, I like Indian musicians, and I feel an obligation to present music to people that I think is good. It's meant so much to me, maybe it can mean something to someone else who wouldn't have heard it otherwise. For me, the problem with Wings' set was that there wasn't enough Indian music...," he laughed. "I could go on the road and do all my cute songs and everybody would love me, but I don't think it's very creative. For me, it would be selfish, because it would be a glorification of myself.

"I don't know, it is a problem. I guess for the time being I'll do what people want ... which is to write my own songs, sing all the nice tunes people will like. I have to show people that I am nice, actually, and I can be cute."



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